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ALL PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Oslo prosecutor implicates Israel security in Bouchiki death

OSLO. — Six persons, residents of Israel, accused of espionage and conspiracy to commit murder pleaded not guilty yesterday in connection with the killing of a suspected Black September leader last summer.

At the opening of the trial into the shooting death of Ahmed Bouchiki, 30, State Prosecutor Haakon Wiker indicated that the slaying was the work of an official Israel counter-terrorist group.

Security was the strictest ever since the war, with armed police in bullet-proof vests ringing the crowded, windowless courtroom. Police guards were also posted inside the building.

Photographers were cleared from the courtroom before the defendants, four men and two women, were led in. All stated their names and professions and gave addresses in Israel. All then pleaded not guilty.

The six are all Jews. They gave their names as: Ethel Marian Gladnikof, 30, of Sweden; Sylvia Rafael, 36, of Israel; Abraham Gehmer 36, of Israel; Dan Aerbel, 33, of Denmark, Zvi Steinberg, 30, of Israel, and Michael Dorf, 27, of Israel.

Wiker charged that Abraham Gehmer, 36, one of the defendants, was an official agent of the secret military service of Israel. He said two of the others accused — Sylvia Rafael and Dan Aerbel — had worked with Gehmer on several occasions.

"The prosecution will produce evidence showing... that Gehmer was directly connected with the Israel intelligence organization, Mossad," Wiker said.

Gehmer yesterday admitted his real identity for the first time. He is supposed to have done so on the basis that he was informed the prosecutor was prepared to go to great lengths to prove his identity.

He has apparently been active in intelligence work since he retired as cultural attache and first secretary of the Israel Embassy in Paris in 1969, prosecution sources said.

Israel Embassy officials were among those present in the courtroom. Also present was a leading Israeli trial lawyer, Ervin Shimron, retained by Dorf's and Steinberg's families.

Dan Aerbel was long claimed to be the link to the Israel intelligence network. He is said to have told the police that he and Sylvia Rafael took part in another mission together, believed to be of such an explosive nature that the proceedings on this evidence will take place *in camera*.

According to the formal charges, the defendants "were members of a group numbering about 15 persons responsible for the fatal shooting of Moroccan Ahmed Bouchiki."

Bouchiki was gunned down outside his Lillehammer home, about 160 kilometres north of Oslo, by two men, still at large, who fired 13 shots and sped away in a yellow compact car.

The alleged gunmen are Gustav Pisthauer, an Austrian, and Jean Luc Sevenir, of France.

According to the prosecutor's summary of Marian Gladnikof's statement to the police, she was contacted by a man in Israel on last July 17 and asked to go to Norway on a mission for the State of Israel. She agreed, but if she had known the plan included the killing of Bouchiki, she would have returned to Israel immediately, she is said to have told the police.

She claimed no knowledge of who committed the actual killing, and said that she was the least informed of the group as to the nature of their mission.

Miss Gladnikof, according to the prosecutor's statement, described meeting another of the defendants, South African-born Sylvia Rafael, 36, in Tel Aviv and taking part in an airport conference chaired by a man called "Mike."

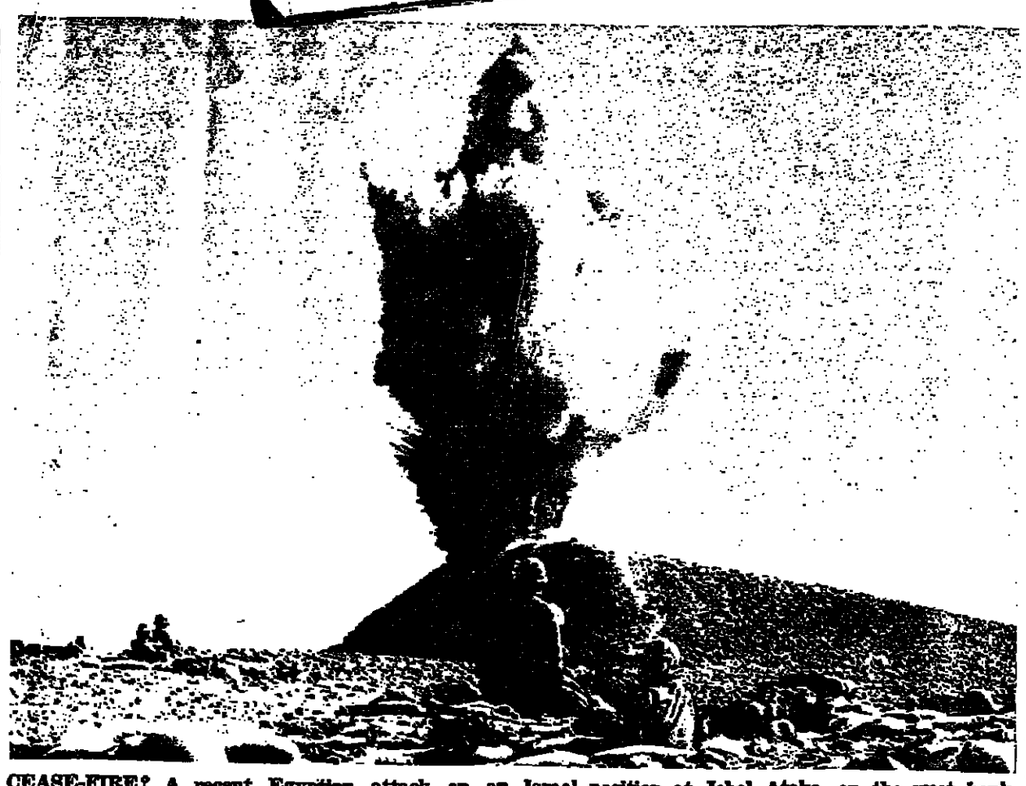
At Zurich two men joined the group, and after arrival in Norway, she joined a party sent to Lillehammer to shadow "a man with a moustache."

In her alleged statement, Miss Gladnikof described watching the man with the moustache leave a cinema with a woman and get on a bus.

The car in which her group was travelling later met another car with two men called Raoul and Francois, who told them they could now go home. They returned to Oslo and the following day she understood from a telephone call received by one of the group that the man they trailed had now been shot and killed.

The trial is expected to last about two weeks.

After the shooting, Dorf and Steinberg were apprehended in the Oslo apartment of Israel security attache, Yigal Eyal. Eyal was later declared *persona non grata* in Norway. *(UPI, INA, AP)*



CEASE-FIRE? A recent Egyptian attack on an Israel position at Jebel Ataka, on the west bank of the Suez Canal. (Starphot)

Egyptian shelling wounds two

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Two soldiers were wounded yesterday east of the Suez Canal from shells fired by the Egyptian Second Army on what appears to be a "normal" day.

The area where most incidents occurred was opposite el-Balah island in the Canal: mortar fire at 7 a.m.; artillery at 11 a.m.; mortar again at 2.30 in the afternoon.

Another exchange of firing occurred north-east of Kantara after the Egyptians had opened small arms fire on Israel troops.

West of the Canal and south-west of Fayid, the Egyptians fired at our forces at about 3.30 p.m. It was at this time, too, that an Israel patrol south of Adabiya, on the southern flank of Israel forces, was fired on.

In all instances, the fire was returned, the army spokesman said.

The Syrian front, which had been quiet for several days, witnessed a short mortar attack on our forces north of Kafr Nasej, on the cease-fire line east of Kuneitra. There were no Israel casualties.

The U.N. Emergency Force reported in Cairo yesterday, according to AP, that one of its commanders got Egyptian forces to withdraw from a position they had advanced to near Adabiya.

U.N. spokesman Rudolf Stajduhar said the 200 metre advance took place sometime Saturday night. The Finnish commander contacted the local Egyptian commander and Egyptian forces withdrew around 10 o'clock Sunday.

Similar efforts by the 5,476 man U.N. force, to get Egyptian units on the east bank of the Canal near Kantara to pull back after an advance on January 1 have been unsuccessful.

Cairo hints pullback accord is near

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Egyptians last night hinted that the first phase of the Geneva peace conference is nearing completion, indicating that the military negotiations on disengagement might be approaching accord.

Cairo Radio last night said Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy had summoned Arab envoys in Egypt to report to them on the outcome of what was described as the "first phase" of the Geneva Middle East peace talks.

The Egyptians did not elaborate, but they are believed to have been responding to the new guidelines worked out during Moshe Dayan's weekend talks in Washington on the separation-of-forces question.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Fahmy was reported to have conferred with U.S. envoy Herman Eilts. The meeting is believed to have dealt with the proposals formulated during the Israel Defence Minister's Washington talks.

Mr. Fahmy is due to leave later this week for Moscow to discuss the possibility of starting the next stage of the Geneva talks, probably during the third week of this month.

WANTS TIMETABLE

Egypt is now seeking an agreement on the separation-of-forces issue, including a timetable for the implementation of disengagement along the Suez Canal front. The Egyptians would like the signing of an accord to mark the beginning of the second phase of peace talks, at which Cairo wants the Syrians and the "Palestinians" to be present.

Beirut reports yesterday had it that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was likely to confer with Syrian President Hafez Assad and Jordan's King Hussein in Damascus in the near future. The reports added that Mr. Sadat was also pressing for the formation of a "Palestinian government-in-exile" at an "all-Palestine" congress which the Egyptians hope to convene in Cairo later this month. (Gazans, page 2, col. 4)

Reuter reports from Cairo that President Sadat consulted with top aides yesterday on the economic situation amid indications that a cabinet reshuffle is on the way.

The consultations are not expected to be completed before the weekend, but political observers expect the President to name a new Prime Minister so that he can devote all his energy to political and military aspects of the Middle East crisis.

President Sadat assumed the Premiership last March. He has conferred three times in the past few days with Dr. Abdel Aziz Hegazy, Deputy Premier and Minister of the Treasury, Economy and Foreign Trade. The 50-year old Minister, architect of the Egyptian economy for the past five years, is tipped as a leading candidate to take over as Prime Minister.

Syrian violations reported to U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (INA). — Twenty-seven Syrian violations of the cease-fire between December 15 1973-January 5, 1974, inclusive, were reported to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim yesterday by the acting permanent representative of Israel, ambassador Yaacov Doron.

Israel lodged complaints in each case with the U.N. observers headquarters, Mr. Doron said. He requested that his letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and Security Council.

U.S. uninformed of French-Saudi oil-arms deal

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The State Department said yesterday the French Government did not advise the U.S. in advance about its reported new 20-year oil agreement with Saudi Arabia.

State Department spokesman George Vest told newsmen that although such advance notice is customary between friendly nations, no such notice came from Paris.

Vest would not make any further comment on the French-Saudi deal According to news reports, denied by the French Ministry of Scientific and Industrial Development, Saudi Arabia agreed to provide France with 800 million tons of crude oil over a 20-year period in exchange for the purchase of French Mirage jets and heavy arms.

Vest said technical talks concerning the possible sale of U.S. F5E jet aircraft to Saudi Arabia were still under way.

Rumour of Kissinger trip to M.E. denied

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday denied rumours that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is planning a trip to Middle Eastern capitals soon.

"There are no plans for such a trip at this point," said spokesman George Vest. He also denied that Mr. Kissinger is considering a trip to Geneva.

Vest referred to Kissinger's statements made after his meetings with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan that high-level contacts between the U.S. and Egypt, as well as with Israeli officials, would continue. But such contact can take place in Washington, as well as in the Middle East, State Department sources said.

It was noted that Mr. Kissinger was in regular contact with the Egyptian representative in Washington, Ashraf Ghorbal, during the two days of talks with Mr. Dayan, and that the American Ambassador to Cairo, Herman Eilts, sat in on some of the meetings with Dayan and will maintain contact with Egyptian leaders.

In private, however, both American and Israel sources indicate that a trip by Kissinger to the Middle East is always a possibility, given his preference for personal diplomacy.

Hakirya named after Ben-Gurion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hakirya, Jerusalem's complex of Government buildings, officially became Kiryat Ben-Gurion last night.

In a ceremony kept brief by the second night of sweeping rains in the Capital, Geula Ben-Eliezer, daughter of the first Prime Minister, unveiled one of several signs bearing her father's name.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, a protege of the late Prime Minister, presided at the ceremony in the absence of the Prime Minister Golda Meir, who is indisposed.

(Dayan address — Page 2)

Mrs. Meir recovering

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Prime Minister is recovering from her bout of virus flu and hopes to be at her desk again tomorrow. She missed last night's *shloshim* memorial service in Jerusalem for David Ben-Gurion, and will probably stay away from a scheduled Labour Party Executive meeting in Tel Aviv today — unless the weather improves considerably.

Yesterday she remained in bed, but kept in touch with both diplomatic and political business. Defence Minister Dayan came to brief her on his weekend talks in Washington with Henry Kissinger and she was in contact with Finance Minister Sapir who was beginning negotiations with other parties on forming a new coalition.



Armed police in bullet-proof vests guard the Oslo courtroom yesterday at the opening of the Lillehammer trial in which six Israel residents pleaded not guilty to taking part in the killing of a suspected Black September agent. (AP)

Kreisky to lead International Socialist probe in Mid-East

LONDON (INA). — The Austrian Chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, is to lead a mission to the Middle East in mid-February which will endeavour to study "the conditions and views of the people in the area." This was announced after a meeting here on Sunday of the Socialist International which was attended by representatives of 14 Social Democratic parties. Among them was Michael Harish, international secretary of the Israel Labour Party.

The mission, which will probably conclude its work in mid-March, will include representatives of the Labour Parties of Britain, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and Sweden.

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Four charged in Berlin court as Black September terrorists

WEST BERLIN. — A West Berlin court yesterday charged four Arabs with possessing explosives and preparing bomb attacks here at the orders of the Black September, the Public Prosecutor's office said.

According to the prosecutor, the men, aged between 18 and 33, smuggled 10 kilos of explosives to West Berlin via Budapest, Warsaw and East Berlin last autumn. They had planned attacks on the office of the El Al airline, a hotel and a dance hall, the prosecutor said.

The men, whose individual nationalities were not disclosed, were arrested in a hotel here last October. About five kilos of explosives were found in hidden compartments of their suitcases. Interrogation has revealed that another five kilos were smuggled in but have not yet been found.

A Justice Department spokesman said the 18-year-old member of the gang made a partial confession. A date for their trial was not set.

Officials said they had come to West Berlin from East Berlin by elevated railway. West German authorities have expressed concern that other Arabs have used this means of entering West Germany, since the elevated railway and subways coming from East Berlin are largely uncontrolled on the Western side. *(Reuter, AP)*

Libya again warns Italy on 'La Stampa'

BEIRUT (AP). — Libya yesterday repeated a warning to Italy's giant automaker Fiat to fire "La Stampa" editor Arrigo Levi or face endangering its interests in the Arab world.

The Libyan news agency quoted the head of the Libyan regional branch of the Arab Boycott of Israel Office as saying unless Fiat heeded the warning "its interests in the Arab world would be endangered and boycotted."

Opec Ministers decline to speak

By MARCO BRODSKY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

GENEVA. — The meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) opened here last night in an atmosphere of cold watchfulness. Speculation on the meeting was rife, especially since none of the ministers representing the 14 member and observer states made any statements.

The participants' silence was explained by their embarrassment that they have widely divergent stakes to defend in the long-term perspective of forced collaboration with the industrial countries of the world. (Opec, page 4).

NRP trying to include Likud in broad national coalition

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Despite firm Labour opposition, the National Religious Party is making a bid to include the Likud in a national coalition. This emerged from yesterday's NRP faction meeting held at party head offices here.

The NRP leaders were encouraged by the positive response of Likud leader Menahem Begin to the approach of two NRP "youth circles" leaders, Deputy Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Yehuda Ben-Meir, MK. It emerged from the NRP faction meeting that Mr. Begin had implied acceptance of the idea of an emergency coalition with no binding policy lines and was ready to compromise by not insisting that the government disown acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 242, which provides the basis for the Geneva talks.

At any rate, Mr. Hammer and Dr. Ben-Meir intend, at the NRP Executive meeting tomorrow, to try and tie their party down to a decision committing the NRP to a broad coalition. It would seem they are not sure how firmly their party colleagues are committed to the idea.

Alignment sources last night said the NRP majority was using the national coalition idea as a gambit to raise their price for eventually reconstituting the coalition government. Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who heads the NRP Knesset list, is meeting with Mr. Begin tomorrow to discuss the broad coalition proposal.

NRP circles noted that Dr. Burg is now intent on building up his leadership image by a heightened display of interest in security matters. To this end he met with Aluf Ariel Sharon (No. 6 on the Likud list) late Sunday night, when he reportedly obtained information on military matters at first hand.

There were conflicting reports as to whether they discussed the national coalition scheme.

In keeping with his new interest in defence affairs, it is understood that Dr. Burg is also arranging a meeting with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan. NRP sources implied that Dr. Burg would be his party's member in the Ministerial Security Committee when the new coalition comes into being.

Dr. Burg has also met with Aguda bloc heads Rabbis Shlomo Lorincz and Kalman Kahana, and they advised him of their party's intention of not joining any government coalition without the NRP. It was agreed to coordinate a joint front on religious issues. With that, sources in both parties put no great hopes on the survival of a common front, since the Aguda has been conducting talks with the Labour Party for some time. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, who heads the Labour Party's coalition negotiators, is due this week to meet with the *Gerrer Rebbe*, Rabbi Israel Alter. A prime issue is a bigger financial allocation for the Aguda's independent education network, it is learned.

NRP sources said they prefer the Aguda, rather than themselves to make the compromises on religious issues such as the "Who's a Jew" legislation.

The Labour Alignment negotiators will need to muster all their diplomatic talent to bridge the religious politicians' demand for further religious legislation and the Independent Liberals' firm stand against any marked concessions to the religious parties.

Meanwhile, the ILP's coalition bargaining position may be enhanced should the scheme materialize for a seven-member parliamentary bloc between its four Knesset members and the three MKs of Shulamit Aloni's Citizens' Rights Movement. A meeting was held at the Dan Hotel yesterday, and Mrs. Aloni said her group wanted a narrow coalition based on the Alignment, the ILP and the Arab factions.

Labour won't share rule with Likud

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party Leadership Bureau is to hold a crucial *post mortem* debate on the elections today. At the same time, the Bureau will appoint the members of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's coalition negotiating team. This body will launch its talks officially as soon as President Ephraim Katzir begins summoning the Knesset factions to Beit Hanassi to discuss the formation of a new government.

However, Labour Party sources last night indicated that today's meeting will probably reject the idea of a broad coalition government with the Likud.

Geneva delegates in 5th meeting

GENEVA (Reuter). — Israel and Egyptian military negotiators continued discussions here yesterday on how to separate their forces along the Suez Canal cease-fire lines — but there was no word of an expected Israel proposal for a limited withdrawal.

A U.N. communique after the session, lasting two hours and 20 minutes, added merely that the delegations agreed to meet again next Wednesday at 1000 local time.

It was the fifth meeting in 12 days between three-men teams led by Aluf Mordechai Gur and Major-General Taha el Maghdoub with Lt.-General Ensio Siilasvuo, Finnish commander of the U.N. Emergency Force in the Middle East, in the chair.

As usual, neither delegation nor U.N. officials would disclose any details. There was an unexplained 30-minute recess about midway through the session. Officials would not say whether this was to allow delegations to consult amongst themselves or with their governments, or whether it indicated some difficulty or a new approach.

Three Tiffany men held

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Three men said to be connected with the management of Tiffany's night club here were yesterday detained for questioning on the fire which forced the evacuation of the guests at the adjacent Dan Hotel on Sunday.

It is learned that two of the men are Swiss nationals, aged 31 and 32, and the third a 35-year-old Norwegian. The night club is part of a chain owned by foreign investors.

Earlier, the special police unit, headed by Chief Superintendent Yaacov Sagiv, which is investigating the fire was reported to have found evidence indicating that the fire might have been staged to cover up the robbery of some IL10,000 which was in the night club's safe.

Another theory is that the fire was accidentally started by the safe burglars by means of a discarded match or cigarette.

The Tel Aviv police spokesman, Chief Superintendent Amos Aricha, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he was pleased with the progress made by the investigating unit. In addition to the three men who were detained, police questioned a large number of other persons.

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Rain to continue

Jerusalem Post Staff

This week's rainy, wintry weather will continue at least until tomorrow, the weatherman said yesterday, although there may be longer dry spells between the showers. The heavy snowfall which began on the Hermon yesterday afternoon will probably continue, but no snow is predicted for Jerusalem or other parts of the country.

The precipitation is caused by a chain of lows over the Mediterranean, stretching from southern France to northern Syria and Iraq.

The rain was happily welcomed by the country's farmers, who were beginning to fear this would be another dry year. But precipitation has still been relatively scant in many areas, especially around Lake Kinneret. (Because the month of December was very dry, most areas of the country are still in a "rain deficit" with regard to annual average figures.) Yesterday's rain was heavy in the Golan, parts of Galilee, Jerusalem and the Western Negev. In the Jordan Valley, Safad and Haifa areas there were only light showers.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Occasional showers with scattered thunderstorms.
Weather synopsis: A barometric trough over the eastern Mediterranean is causing instability over our area.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	90	6— 9	5— 8
Golan	100	3— 5	2— 4
Nahariya	54	7—15	5—17
Safad	61	4— 8	3— 5
Haifa	55	10—17	8—16
Tiberias	64	4—18	7—17
Nazareth	66	8—14	6—18
Afula	50	5—17	6—16
Shomron	82	6—11	5—10
Tel Aviv	92	11—15	9—15
Lod	78	9—16	9—15
Jericho	86	10—18	10—17
Gaza	77	10—16	9—15
Beersheba	67	8—14	7—13
Eilat	49	9—19	9—18
Tiran	38	13—20	12—18

Rabin: Keep army on W. Bank 15-30 years

TEL AVIV. — Yitzhak Rabin, ex-chief of staff and former Ambassador to Washington, has come out with his own peace plan, which includes returning the populated areas of the West Bank to Jordan — but with an Israel military presence there for the next 15 to 30 years.

Mr. Rabin, who was speaking last night at a Vocal Newspaper here, has been elected to the Knesset on the Alignment list. He is believed to be a strong candidate for a Cabinet post.

He stressed that a distinction should be made betwen a political settlement, achieved through diplomacy, and a "true peace," which can only come about between peoples." This is a slow process which can take 15 to 30 years," he said.

The main points of Mr. Rabin's plan are:

- A united Jerusalem to remain under Israel sovereignty, with "a solution of the problems concerning the different religions."
- Returning the heavily populated areas of the West Bank to Jordanian civil administration, but with Israeli troops to remain there until "true peace" arrives, and until all the refugees, including those in the Gaza Strip, are "rehabilitated in Trans-Jordan and possibly also in the West Bank.
- The Gaza Strip is to remain in Israel's hands.

Concerning Sinai, Mr. Rabin suggested a similar arrangement with Egypt, based on three elements: Change of sovereignty; military presence in some areas without political sovereignty; and demilitarization of other areas. As in the West Bank, Israeli troops would be removed from Egyptian-ruled areas when "true peace" is assured.

Alsop: Mideast accord will end oil embargo

WASHINGTON (INA). — Columnist Joseph Alsop asserted in the "Washington Post" yesterday that the Middle East signposts now point to "a rationally adjusted cease-fire, not a settlement, a *modus operandi* rather than a peace." But he claims that this limited achievement will nevertheless bring an end to the Arab oil embargo and will be "indeed a major accomplishment" for Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

According to Alsop, a short-term arrangement is the best that can be hoped for, because the Arabs are not prepared to settle for anything less than total Israeli withdrawal to its pre-June 1967 lines. But the cease-fire arrangement will allow the reopening of the Suez Canal on the basis of an Israeli pullback to the Mitla Pass and the interposition of U.N. forces between the Israelis and a thinned-out Egyptian force on the east bank of the Canal.

This will lead to a lifting of the oil embargo, primarily because King Faisal of Saudi Arabia is the only one maintaining the embargo — the Libyans, Iraqis and Persian Gulf states are "cheating" at great profit to themselves — and Faisal realizes this. Taking "a dark view of Soviet purposes in the Middle East, he is reluctant to go on damaging the United States," Alsop said.

According to Alsop, the chief beneficiary of this short-term arrangement will be the Soviet Union, which will retain its trouble-making potential in the Mideast and will, through the opening of the Suez Canal, be able to reinforce its naval strength in the Red Sea-Indian Ocean-Persian Gulf area, thereby surrounding the oil-rich Arabian Peninsula. "The Arabian Peninsula's oil is the jugular of the West. So the Soviets will soon have a knife very, very close to the jugular," Alsop wrote.

Rumania stops emigration of Jews

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Rumania has put a virtual stop on the emigration of Jews. In recent weeks Rumanian authorities have refused even to accept, let alone handle, applications for exit permits for Israel from Jews under retirement age, according to a report from Vienna by the "Observer" Foreign News Service.

Jewish emigration from Rumania has been severely restricted since 1967. But after the visit of Prime Minister Golda Meir to Bucharest in May, 1972, the Rumanians started granting a larger number of exit permits, and there was a small but steady trickle of emigrants.

However, even then, the emigration was a slow and costly procedure, with would-be emigrants having to pay up to $5,000 — not easy to raise in a country with an average annual income per head of $800.

The reason for the new halt is not clear, but observers say that Bucharest might have imposed it to ensure their oil supplies, about eight million tons a year of which is imported from the Middle East.

Peres: No state for Palestinians

BONN (Reuter). — Israel Transport Minister Shimon Peres said in a newspaper interview published here yesterday that Israel completely opposed the idea of the foundation of a separate Palestinian state.

In an interview with the pro-Israel mass-circulation "Bild Zeitung," Mr. Peres said such a state would be pro-Soviet.

"It would be a Soviet military base in front of our door. We cannot live with Soviet rockets 500 metres from our parliament and 10 kilometres from Tel Aviv," the Minister was quoted as saying.

He said the 1967 U.N. resolution put the problem of the Palestinian people as that of refugees. "That is the way we interpret the rights of the Palestinian people," he said.

"Therefore we reject the foundation of an additional state on the territory of Palestine," he added.

DAYAN QUOTES BEN-GURION: 'There is no successful war'

By ERNIE MEYER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

A weak peace is better than a successful war, and there is no "successful" war, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan last night quoted the late David Ben-Gurion as saying.

He was speaking at the official function at the Jerusalem Theatre marking the end of the 36-day mourning period after the death of David Ben-Gurion. Mr. Dayan said that Prime Minister Golda Meir could not attend because she was not well.

The audience in the packed hall included President Ephraim Katzir, Cabinet Ministers, Knesset Members, members of the judiciary and members of the Ben-Gurion family. Former President Zalman Shazar also attended.

Mr. Dayan said that Ben-Gurion's faith in Zionism was perhaps deeper than any religious faith. That faith was coupled with great vision and the ability to take action, he said. To David Ben-Gurion any Zionist aspiration was worthless unless it resulted in a personal commitment.

Ben-Gurion also understood Israel's terrible isolation among the Arab nations surrounding it and the greater world beyond, with its ties to the Arab world. That is why he used every opportunity to try and break that isolation; during the Korean War in the early 1950s he even wanted Israel to take an active part, he added.

Mr. Dayan recalled that on his many trips from his house in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, David Ben-Gurion liked to travel through Jaffa — which reminded him of the past. On occasion he would compare teeming Tel Aviv to ancient Nineveh and between clenched teeth describe its inhabitants as a "people of waiters."

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra played the adaggio by Bach and a Tchaikovsky elegy. The reading of a 1918 letter by Ben-Gurion to his wife, Paula, a letter to bereaved parents, and a recording of one of his speeches rounded out the one-hour ceremony.

U.S. public still back Israel, 38:7

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A new national poll reveals that support for Israel has diminished very little since the Arabs employed their oil embargo against the U.S. This news comes at the start of an intensified Arab propaganda effort here.

The poll, conducted by Opinion Research Corporation and commissioned by CBS News, found that 38 per cent of the American people say they sympathize with Israel, in contrast with only seven per cent sympathizing with the Arabs. The remainder either sympathized with neither, or had no opinion. These results confirm the findings of a Gallup poll conducted shortly after the conclusion of the October war.

When asked if they believe that the Arab countries are out to destroy Israel or are just bent on regaining land lost in the 1967 war, 28 per cent say they believe the Arabs want to destroy Israel, but more than half, 52 per cent, say that the Arabs want only to regain their lost land.

The respondents were also told that the Arabs say they will resume oil shipments if Israel returns the occupied territories, and were asked how much pressure the U.S. should put on Israel to give up those lands. Thirty-five per cent said substantial pressure, but 60 per cent said little pressure or none at all.

The survey in addition inquired about the people's views on the Jewish lobby, asking if Jewish groups in the U.S. have too much influence over foreign policy as it affects Israel. Thirty per cent said yes, compared with 48 per cent answering no.

The poll was released as part of a CBS News documentary programme on the lobbying efforts of the pro-Israel and pro-Arab groups in the U.S. The nationally-televised programme evaluated the pro-Israel effort as having been most effective, calling I.L. Kenen, the chief American spokesman for Israel in Washington, "one of the most powerful lobbyists in Washington."

The programme reported that in the past, the Arab lobbyists have had less impact, but are now intensifying their efforts. This move was highlighted by the visit last month by Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani and will be continued by Dr. Clovis Maksoud, a leading Arab spokesman who arrives in the U.S. today for a three-month propaganda campaign.

Maksoud, a 46-year-old Lebanese Christian, will tour the country on behalf of the Arab League and will be based on the League's Washington office. Maksoud is no stranger to the U.S. having received a law degree in Washington and spoken here on numerous occasions. He has repeatedly advocated that Israel be replaced by a new "democratic secular" Palestine.

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday gave a reception for the Latin American members of the Diplomatic Corps to mark Columbus Day, commemorating the discovery of America by Columbus in 1492. The reception had been postponed from October 12 — which is Columbus Day—because of the war.

The President also received the Police Inspector-General, Rav-Nitzav Shaul Rosolio.

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Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem yesterday received Mr. Maurice Wick, of London, who has donated the cost of renovating the Turkish-built mother and child centre in the Old City's Jewish Quarter to serve the present Jewish, Armenian and Arab families in the area.

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A reception was held on Saturday, at the Aptowitzer home, Hod Hacarmel, for the Labour Minister, Yosef Almogi, to celebrate his success in the Haifa municipal elections. Present was the incumbent Mayor, Mr. Yeruham Ziesel, members of the Haifa Association, and representatives of the Haifa Municipal Economic and Academic Institution of Haifa.

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U.S. Congressmen Mario Biaggi and William Lehman, and Mr. Jack Jennings, of the House Education Committee, visited the Hadassah Medical Centre in Jerusalem yesterday.

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At the inauguration of Moshe Gelbaum as Master of the Free Masons Lodge Rosh Ha'ayin No. 39, on Saturday night in the presence of Petah Tikva Mayor, Israel Feinberg, and Judge Yosef Lamm, past-Grandmaster, a donation of IL10,000 was presented to the Hasharon Hospital for the acquisition of advanced medical equipment.

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Prof. Dan Patinkin, Member of the Israel National Academy of Sciences and Humanities, will lecture in Hebrew on The Development of The Wheel of Wealth, a chapter in the History of Economic Thought this evening, January 8, 1974, at 6.15, at the Academy, 43 Rehov Jabotinsky, Talbieh, Jerusalem.

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A discussion in Hebrew on "The Election Results and their Implications" will be held at the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation, Rehov Jabotinsky 43, Jerusalem, on Thursday at 8 p.m.

SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF ELECTION

'War fatigue in Israel'

NEW YORK (INA). — "The Soviet press has interpreted the results of last week's Israeli elections as proof of widespread war fatigue and disillusionment in Israel," "New York Times" correspondent Christopher Wren reported from Moscow yesterday. The line taken by Pravda is that the setback suffered by Premier Meir's Labour Party might help further the "real possibility" that a Middle East peace settlement can be reached at Geneva, Wren reported.

But the Soviet press hedges its optimism about the Geneva talks with continuing denunciations of what it calls "unceasing Israeli provocations" in the Mideast. According to Pravda, the Israel Government has yet to demonstrate whether it would "stay on the rails of war or actively participate in the work of the Geneva conference," Wren reported.

He said that "much was made of the Israel Communist gain of one seat, giving the party four seats in the Knesset." Tass reported last week that the election showed that since the October war the Israeli public "is coming out more strongly for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied Arab lands."

TWO KILLED ON ROADS

Two women, one of them a 19-year-old girl soldier, were killed in road accidents reported yesterday.

The soldier was a passenger in an army Carmel car which was hit by a truck coming out of a side road near Ashkelon yesterday morning. She was killed instantaneously but the driver of the car escaped injury. The girl's name was not released.

On Sunday night, a rented car driven by Henry Dvash of Netanya crashed into the side of the Yarkon Bridge near Tel Aviv. His wife, Dina, 25, was killed. Police are investigating the cause of the accident. *(Itim)*

PROTEST AGAINST BANK TAKE-OVER

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Knesset Economic Committee will on Friday discuss the projected sale of the State-owned Agricultural Bank to Nir, the Histadrut farm banking house.

Yesterday the private sector's Farmers Federation Executive protested against the projected take-over as an act of sectoral favouritism by the government. They protested that the bank would thereby become part of Bank Hapoalim, the main Histadrut bank.

DEPARTURES

Elmer Winter, president of the American Jewish Committee, after a ten-day visit.

Threat against airlines 'friendly to Israel'

TRIPOLI (Reuter). — Arab states will consider taking economic reprisals against international airlines which they claim have made flights "assisting Israel," the Libyan news agency Arna said yesterday.

The agency said action against them was among issues to be discussed at a meeting of the Arab Boycott of Israel Office due to open in Abu Dhabi on January 14, but did not name the airlines considered to have aided Israel.

The agency quoted the head of the Libyan regional bureau of the Boycott Office as confirming its demand that the editor of the Italian newspaper "La Stampa" be sacked following publication of an article highly critical of Libyan leader Muammer Gaddafi. The economic interests in the Arab world of the Fiat motor concern — which controls "La Stampa" — "will be jeopardised unless firm measures are taken to dismiss the editor of 'La Stampa' Signor Arrigo Levi," he was quoted as saying.

Terrorist gets 20 years for El-Arish mining

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A 20-year-old terrorist from El-Arish was sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment yesterday for sabotage activities four years ago in which 20 soldiers were seriously wounded.

The prisoner, A'isa Hassan A'id Suwarka, admitted to the possession of 15 mines in 1969. He and two other men planted two mines on a road leading to an air strip near El-Arish. The first mine went off, seriously injuring 20 soldiers. The second damaged a truck.

The prosecutor, Segen Yaron Rabinowicz, said the other two men had been tried and given life sentences over a year ago.

Gazans warned: Don't attend PLO congress

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — The Military Government here has warned a number of local residents not to take part in the congress of the Palestine Liberation Organization, due to be held next month in Cairo.

It was pointed out to them that participation in the congress would be regarded as conspiring with the enemy (the PLO's declared programme is the liquidation of the State of Israel in favour of a "democratic Palestinian state" comprising Moslem, Christian and Jewish citizens).

Military Government sources said that, as far as they knew, nobody in Gaza had received an invitation to the congress. The warnings were intended as a "preventive measure," they said.

The Ambassador is 'a criminal'

TEL AVIV. — The actions committee for rescuing Israeli PoWs yesterday stated that the Egyptian Ambassador-designate to London, ex-chief of staff Shazli, is charged with war crimes in the Yom Kippur War. Committee secretary Moshe Barnea last night pointed out that Egyptian soldiers were found carrying written orders from Shazli ordering them to murder Israeli PoWs.

Barnea also noted that Shazli is reported to have personally executed Egyptian staff officers who displeased him.

The committee intends making formal representations to the British authorities.

'THE WAR'S OVER,' GOLAN TROOPS TOLD

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — The free telephone which was installed at Kibbutz Dan at the beginning of the war for the convenience of the troops in the Golan has been replaced by a pay phone.

The soldiers, who come down to the kibbutz for a hot shower and a call home, were dismayed by the change yesterday, and most of them were unable to make calls because they had no tokens to operate the phone.

One of the men phoned the telephone exchange and was told: "The war's over; so is the free service."

THERE'S 'PLENTY ON HAND,' BUT —

Where has all the sugar gone?

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Fears of an impending price rise have sent sugar sales soaring in the past 10 days, trade sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. As a result, the price-fixed staple has disappeared from the shelves of many shops and is being rationed in others.

"I'm handling about 17½ tons a week instead of the usual seven or eight," Yehuda Srulowitz, marketing director of Jerusalem's 15-store Tzarchania supermarket chain, said. "The demand has been so heavy since election day that we have set a maximum of two kilos per customer for sugar. There has been talk of transport problems, but it would be more correct to say people are afraid the price will soon go up," Yitzhak Gutman, secretary of the Jerusalem Commerce Federation said last night. Mr. Gutman, who is in charge of purchasing for his organization's grocer members, complained that Government sales officials have clamped a "quota" on wholesale sugar sales. "All we can get now is about what we would regularly buy — not what we actually need for our customers."

Zvi Fisher, manager of the large Supersol market on Rehov Agron, told the same story. "There's a run on the stuff," he said, "but we're not rationing it, because that would really cause a panic." He said Supersol's central warehouse in Tel Aviv has been supplying sugar as required. Yesterday, however, he was out of the commodity because a supply truck laden with several hundred kilos of sugar and tens of thousands pounds' worth of other food items had broken down on the way to the Capital.

"There's plenty of sugar in the country and distributors can get all they want at Government stores," Gad Soen, spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry assured *The Post* last night.

He added: "However, we have been receiving reports of shortages in shops here and there, and we are investigating. If we discover hoarding by packers, wholesalers or retailers, we will move against them with the full force of the law."

He explained that withholding merchandise from sale — such as for the purpose of speculation against higher prices — is a violation of the Products and Services Control Law. "If they have sugar, they must sell it," he declared.

Yisrael Arkin, chief of the Treasury's subsidy department, told *The Post* last night that at 1973 world prices, the actual subsidy on a kilo of sugar is approximately IL1. The maximum resale price of sugar now is IL1.15 per kilo packaged and IL1.08 loose.

MORE TARIFF CUTS DUE NEXT WEEK

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Tariffs on imported goods will be cut by 2.5 to 8 per cent next Tuesday, as part of the import liberalization programme. This was approved by the Cabinet on Sunday.

The cuts represent "Stage II" in a four-year project designed to trim all duties to a unified level by 1976. The objective is to reach an effective exchange rate (official exchange rate plus tariffs) of IL6.50 to the dollar. A year ago, the average level was IL7.50 to IL8, but with sharp variations among different commodities.

The first cut, in January 1973, was 35 per cent of the difference between the effective exchange rate at the time and IL6.50 per dollar. This meant a large tariff cut for highly taxed products and a smaller one for those whose tax is close to the standard figure aimed at.

The Manufacturers Association has protested against the present tariff reduction, alleging that the war situation makes it undesirable to increase imports. The Government rejected this argument. The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haim Bar-Lev, believes that the pressure to make Israel's industries fully competitive must be maintained. But industries which, for one reason or another, are particularly vulnerable at present will be given a breathing spell.

Exempted (temporarily) from the tariff cut this year are footwear, furniture, and spare parts for automobiles, the spokesman said.

Young prisoner charges abuse; probe ordered

TEL AVIV. — District Court Judge Hadassa Ben-Ito yesterday ordered an investigation into the complaint of a 16-year-old youth that he had been maltreated and sexually abused by his fellow cellmates while awaiting trial in the Kfar Yona lockup.

The boy, whose name was not released, was charged with breaking into a flat and theft. From jail he sent a letter to the judge complaining about conditions there.

Brought to court yesterday, the boy pleaded not to be sent back to the jail. He said the older men in his cell had beaten and raped him. He said the jail authorities knew what was going on but had done nothing to protect him.

The judge ordered the boys' story to be brought to the attention of the Attorney-General, the Courts Administration and the Prisons Commissioner.

Meanwhile, she activated an 18-month suspended sentence in a previous conviction and added an 18-month sentence for the boy's latest burglary. Both sentences are to be served concurrently.

It is understood that the boy will serve his sentence in another prison.

Teachers to do free overtime

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Teachers Union has agreed that those of its members who must not fill in for mobilized colleagues do three hours of substitute work a week on a volunteer basis. This follows a demand by the Director-General of the Ministry of Education, Elad Peled, that full-time teachers donate four work hours per week.

A full teaching post means 24 hours a week.

Mr. Peled further suggested that teachers working an 18-hour week give three extra hours substitution for mobilized teachers; that teachers working 12 hours a week give two additional hours; and that teachers who work a six-hour week add one hour.

The Union, however, agreed only to three additional hours for full-time teachers. It stipulates that any time which the teachers put in over the three weekly hours should be paid for.

'Ostracized' taxmen sue for wage rise

TEL AVIV. — Income tax officials perform a thankless task, suffer from social ostracism, but must nevertheless be of high professional calibre. This at least is how the income tax officials see themselves, according to a suit they filed yesterday in Tel Aviv Labour Court against the Civil Service Commission.

The employees claim the Commission has failed to implement a 23 per cent wage rise approved last November by a special committee set up by the Commission and the Civil Servants' Union to study their demands.

They said the committee had agreed with their claim that they were in a different category from other civil servants. "The committee accepted ... that their work is thankless, that they suffer from social ostracism, are not able to take on extra jobs, and must nevertheless be of high professional calibre," the employees' lawyer, Yehuda Ressler, stated in the suit.

Mr. Ressler accused the Commission of dragging its feet on implementation of the wage rise which the income tax employees want made retroactive to the beginning of 1972. *(Itim)*

TRAFFIC on the Jordan bridges has averaged some people a day in the past two weeks, Itim reports, with a large number of departures for the pilgrimage to Mecca and of arrivals from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan for the al-Adha festival.

SOVIET PENSIONERS ATTACK THE PARTY

MOSCOW (UPI). — Authorities in Leningrad have tracked down four elderly pensioners who wrote a series of anonymous letters denouncing the Communist Party and government policy, according to "Leningradskaya Pravda." One letter urged support for Israel.

The newspaper did not indicate what action, if any, had been taken against the men.

"A man who can propagandize hostile views can easily commit a crime which will be aimed against the Soviet system or could easily get into the net of enemy agents or perhaps become a traitor to his motherland," the newspaper wrote.

It said one pensioner, P. M. Faforov, wrote that "Soviet citizens of different nationalities are trying to run away from our socialist paradise." But the newspaper said he was unable to substantiate that when questioned.

Faforov also urged in one letter that the Soviet Union "help Israel in her defensive war against Arab extremists and nationalists," but he was unable to explain why he took such a position and acknowledged that he was "not competent" in this matter, the newspaper said.

It said the other three pensioners "also poured a lot of dirt on the Soviet state and wrote wild fabrications about the life of Soviet people."

The newspaper described them as "bankrupts" who had been unable to find any useful activity to fill their time now that they are not working.

2 indicted for selling dog meat

HAIFA. — The proprietor of a local meat shop and his butcher have been charged in District Court here with selling dog meat in the guise of mutton.

The accused, Arye Itzkovitz, owner of the shop, and Ya'acov Shabtai allegedly sold 1.4 kilos of meat to a housewife, Aliza Weiss last March. When she served the "mutton" to her family, it tasted strange. The meat was handed over to the health authorities for analysis. It turned out to be dog meat.

The prosecution said the defendants took the meat from the cadaver of a sick dog which they found. They are accused of selling meat unfit for human consumption and selling the meat of an animal that died of disease. *(Itim)*

Civil service tenders opened

The Civil Service Commissioner, Ya'acov Nitzan, has given the green light to reopen internal and public government job tenders, frozen since the Yom Kippur war.

A Civil Service spokesman said yesterday that new regulations have been drawn up in keeping with the ex-servicemen's bill of rights passed recently by the Knesset.

Under the regulations, civil servants in uniform and other servicemen about to be demobilized can now apply for jobs announced in tenders. Soldiers must apply in writing, but not necessarily on the official forms. The period of application has been extended from 10 to 21 days.

The tenders will be announced, in the army weekly "Bamahaneh," in addition to newspapers and on the radio.

We deeply mourn the untimely death of

SHOSHANA REICH

Vere, Metek, Sonia Blum
Dana, Kuki Gershoni

In deep sorrow, I announce the sudden death of my only daughter,

SHOSHANA REICH

Please abstain from condolence visits.

RACHEL REICH

YOUTH ALIYAH

extends deep sympathy to

MISS LILLE MYER

General Secretary of the Children and Youth Aliyah Committee for Great Britain, on the death of her brother,

HARRY MYER

TEL AVIV COUNCIL UNCHANGED

Lahat gets 62 p.c. of soldiers' votes

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

L AVIV. — The next mayor of city, Likud's Shlomo Lahat, even better among the soldiers his constituency than he did ng the civilian population. As counting of the soldiers' votes completed yesterday, it emerg- that Mr. Lahat had received 62 cent of the military vote (as posed to 42.7 per cent of the non-bilized voters).

outgoing Mayor Yehoshua Rabi-witz (Alignment) got 29.2 per t of the soldiers' votes, as ainst 32.7 per cent of the civilian te.

However, the military vote does t change the composition of the w City Council. The Likud still s 14 seats, the Alignment 11, the dependent Liberal Party two, the tional Religious Party two, Agu- t Yisrael one, and independent raham Boyar one seat.

It is learned that the Likud lack- only 120 votes for a 15th coun- seat. However, had it received e additional seat, it would have en at the expense of its coalition rtner, the ILP.

Little progress was made yester- y in the talks between the kud and the ILP, on the one nd, and the religious parties on e other, about expanding the coal- on (which at present has only a im majority of 16 out of the 31 ats). One source of difficulty is at the NRP and Aguda both want eir men appointed deputy mayors. ut Mr. Lahat is determined to ep down the number of his depu- ties. (Mayor Rabinowitz had nine; so far "Chich" only has the two ILP councillors, Yitzhak Artzi and Peretz Unikovsky.)

A Likud spokesman said coalition talks with independent Avraham Boyar (who left the NRP) had broken down. Mr. Boyar was also demanding deputy mayor status as his price for joining the coalition.

The local branch of the ILP yesterday ratified the municipal faction's decision to join the Lahat administration. The motion was passed by an overwhelming majority of 37 to two, with five abstentions.

Meanwhile, the political future of the outgoing mayor is still undecided. Labour Party sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Mr. Rabinowitz was being considered either for the post of Minister of Housing or for that of Histadrut secretary-general.

RAMAT GAN

Mayor Israel Peled of Ramat Gan will serve another four years in office following the signing of a coalition agreement yesterday between his Likud list and two local lists: Ramat Gan Citizens and Lamed Ayin.

Likud captured 10 seats in the 23-member Municipal Council.

LYDDA

In Lydda, a coalition agreement was signed yesterday between the Alignment, the National Religious Party, Poalei Agudat Yisrael and a local list. Mayor Zvi Itzkovitz of the Alignment will continue in office, according to agreement.

Army vote gives Haifa Alignment 15 seats

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AIFA. — The counting of the oldiers' votes, which ended at mid-ight on Sunday, gave the Align-ent its 15th seat on the 25-man laifa City Council.

The soldiers gave the Alignment Haifa 65 per cent of their votes, ringing its final total up to 58.3 er cent, almost five per cent more han in 1969, when it got 14 seats.

The Likud, which gained 22.3 per ent of the soldiers' votes, will have ix seats, the same as in the out-oing Council though its vote went own from 25.32 per cent in 1969 o 21.3 per cent.

The N.R.P. kept its two seats, ith 6.3 per cent of the votes, 6.14 last time); the Aguda held on o its single seat, though its vote ropped from 4.24 per cent to only .7 per cent, and the Independent iberals lost one of its two seats, hough it lost only 0.47 per cent otes from the 5.77 per cent it won 1969.

Rakah, failed to seat a Council-or, winning only eight Army votes, or a total of 2.6 per cent, just above the previous election's 2.36 per cent. All the other lists also ailed to gain representation.

Though the only change on the Council was the Independent Liberals' loss of one seat to the Alignment, the vote in fact represents a big personal victory for the Mayor-elect, Labour Minister Yosef Almogi, whose Alignment list gained almost 13 per cent more in the Municipal election than the Alignment got in the Haifa Knesset vote. This will undoubtedly strengthen his position in the Labour Party.

Mr. Almogi, though enjoying an absolute majority, intends to establish "as broad a coalition as possible," hopefully including the Likud which is the only opposition group in the outgoing Council. The Likud has not taken an official stand yet, but veteran Councillor Ze'ev Katz told me he objected to their joining the coalition as "having no opposition would harm democracy, make no contribution to the City and make Council work boring."

In fact the Likud's keeping all of its six seats, may be considered the big surprise of the election. It had made virtually no effort to compete against Mr. Almogi, throwing in the towel before the campaign started and put at its head a virtually unknown lawyer, Yona Engel, who has never sat on the Council and was still unknown to nine out of ten Haifaites yesterday.

A merry Christmas for Jamil Shalhoub

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — It was a really merry Christmas for Jamil Shalhoub, yesterday morning. He, his wife and their six children were celebrating the Greek Orthodox feast by the illuminated Christmas tree in their spacious Hadar Hacarmel flat, when I informed him that he had been elected to the City Council. He is the first Arab Councillor here since 1948.

The smiling, stoutish, 45-year-old lawyer, who got his degree from the Hebrew University in 1959 and speaks fluent Hebrew, was elected on the Alignment ticket although he is not a party



Jamil Shalhoub

member. The soldiers' votes, counted on Sunday night had given the Alignment its fifteenth seat and brought Mr. Shalhoub into the Council.

Born in Haifa to a family of Lebanese descent, he has many relatives in Syria, where one, Dr. George Shalhoub, was a cabinet minister in 1959; in the Lebanon, where some are members of the Greek Orthodox clergy, and in Egypt. The Egyptian film star, Omar Sharif, is a second cousin, he told me.

Mr. Shalhoub said he felt he had a double task to carry out on the Council — as a resident of Haifa to help the city develop and regain its pre-1948 importance, and as an Arab to help improve the living and education standards of the Arab community. And combining the two, to cement "the good Jewish-Arab relations in Haifa, and impress on those Arabs, and Jews too, who still have doubts, that the Arab citizens are citizens of the State of Israel, in every sense of the word."

He considered Haifa "the capital of the Arab residents of the northern part of the country, where 60 per cent of all Israeli Arabs live. Haifa is geographically close to Jenin and Nablus, and their merchants should deal with Haifa and not with Tel Aviv or Netanya." He would also work for the development of trade and tourism in Haifa.

He noted that Haifa has some 22,000 Arab residents of whom 7,000 voted. Of these about 2,700 voted for the Rakah New Communists, ("Thanks to Shalhoub, Rakah lost many Arab votes to the Alignment in Haifa," a young Arab who had come to wish him a merry Christmas told me;) and over 300 for the Likud. "That means that 4,000 voted for the Alignment and put their trust in me. I hope not to disappoint them."

The most urgent task was to assure decent housing and living conditions for those Arabs still living in "sub-standard and crowded conditions" in Wadi Tini, Halissah and Wadi Nisnas. He suggests that a big high-rise building be built in Wadi Nisnas, complete with shops and community facilities, in which practically all the wadi residents might be housed. He would also try to assure housing for young couples and large families among the Arab residents in the public housing schemes built for the purposes.

8 deputy mayors for J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The new Jerusalem Municipal Council is expected to have eight deputy mayors, instead of six as before.

In municipal coalition talks between the Alignment and the Likud yesterday, Mayor Teddy Kollek said the Alignment was to have four deputy mayors, one of them unpaid and without a portfolio. The four include Meron Benvenisti, whose appointment as deputy mayor in the previous council had been unsuccessfully sought by Mr. Kollek. The others would be Yosef Gadish and Akiva Azulai, deputy mayors in the previous council, and Zvi Rosen, replacing Haim Marinov, who is no longer on the council.

At yesterday's meeting, which discussed division of labour in the new council, the Likud delegates, headed by Yehoshua Matza, claimed two deputy mayors — one of them unpaid — instead of one in the previous wall-to-wall coalition. They are to meet again tomorrow.

The Alignment and the Aguda bloc have already reached a coalition agreement, under which the latter will have one deputy mayor, as it did before.

The Alignment will today meet with the NRP, which is expected to retain one deputy mayor.



President Ephraim Katzir greeting Druse notables at Beit Hanassi yesterday, on the occasion of Id al-Adha, which ended Sunday. Introducing the notables is Kamal Mansour, the President's adviser on minority affairs. (Y. Barzilay)

'Alignment must begin talks on electoral reform'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Moshe Baram M.K., who was chief coalition whip in the Seventh Knesset, said yesterday he attached "great importance" to a proposal by Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi that the new Alignment Knesset faction discuss electoral reform legislation as soon as the Eighth Knesset convenes.

Mr. Ya'acobi in a letter to Mr. Baram last week, said that the party should act now to mobilize maximum public attention on changing the electoral system from proportional representation to a mixed constituency and proportional electoral system. He explained that the public would be interested in an electoral system which would give greater democratic stability and increase direct contact between the voter and his elected representatives.

(Mr. Ya'acobi was hinting at the harm done to the big parties, like the Alignment, under the present system, by splinter lists which drew away votes on a countrywide basis but would be ineffective in a constituency system.)

Mr. Ya'acobi wrote that the Alignment was fully committed to electoral reform in its policy platform for the last election.

Campaign afoot to oust Speaker

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An inter-party campaign is taking shape to replace Labour's Yisrael Yeshayahu as Knesset speaker. Political sources on both sides of the House confirmed yesterday that informal contacts had been established to block Mr. Yeshayahu's reappointment to the seat he took on the death of the late speaker, Reuven Barkatt.

The names of non-Labour Knesset Members who might be in line for the job include those of Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig of the NRP, former Supreme Court Justice Binyamin Halevi (Herut, Likud), S. Zalman Abramov (Liberals, Likud), and ILP Knesset whip Gideon Hausner.

It is said Deputy Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Navon (Rafi, Alignment) could easily get support if he agreed to stand. He was defeated by a narrow margin in the Labour Party when the Mapai "Gush" decided on Mr. Yeshayahu.

Another possible candidate is Ari Ankorion, of Mapai.

JDL threatens to hold 'angry demonstrations'

TEL AVIV. — Jewish Defence League leader Meir Kahane, who failed to get elected to the Knesset, is now threatening "determined and angry demonstrations" in Israel and the U.S. to win back his confiscated passport. Among other things, he said, he will stage a hunger strike on the steps of the Justice Ministry offices, while some of his followers go to the States.

He told a press conference at Beit Sokolow yesterday he wanted the passport for a U.S. lecture tour to urge American Jews to emigrate to Israel and to speak out against Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's Middle East peace plan.

Kahane's U.S. passport was confiscated by court order in October 1972, after he was arrested on suspicion of attempting to smuggle arms abroad for a counter-terrorist operation. His case has not yet come to trial, and his appeals to get his passport back have been denied.

The JDL is violently opposed to returning Arab lands in return for a peace settlement.

"The sad fact is there is never going to be peace with the Arabs. Their coming to the Geneva peace talks is all a bluff," Kahane said.

He attributed his political defeat to his failure to gain the Russian immigrant vote and the population's "unrealistic desire for peace."

"The people here want peace so badly now that they'll vote for anyone," he said. *(Itim)*

Bonds parley to launch $1,000m. campaign abroad

NEW YORK (ENA). — An extraordinary international conference of Jewish leaders will be held in Israel at the invitation of Prime Minister Golda Meir during January 26 to February 3 to consider the impact of the Yom Kippur War on the economy of the State. The conference will be sponsored by the Israel Bonds Organization, according to an announcement by Sam Rothberg, general chairman of Bonds.

More than 600 Jewish leaders from the U.S., Canada, Western Europe, and other parts of the free world will attend.

The major purpose of the conference will be to launch a billion-dollar reconstruction and development loan to be raised through the sale of Israel Bonds abroad.

Suspended clerk is acquitted

HAIFA. — A 55-year-old clerk in the Haifa Vehicle Licensing Bureau, who was suspended two years ago on suspicion of taking bribes and of breach of trust, was yesterday acquitted of all charges by the Haifa District Court.

The clerk, Yosef Marcus of Kiryat Nahum, was employed as a documents examiner and cashier at the Bureau. The prosecution said he accepted bribes from a local garage owner for permits allowing owners of certain vehicles to carry more passengers than permitted by law.

But Judge Emmanuel Slonim acquitted Mr. Marcus, having found "a string of contradictions" in the garage owner's testimony. *(Itim)*

320 TV sets sent to soldiers in North

TIBERIAS. — The chairman of the Soldiers Welfare Association, Aluf (res.) Ya'acov Perry, who distributed 135 TV sets to troops on the Syrian front yesterday, said 320 sets had been distributed in the North so far.

The sets can be operated from car batteries. In addition, 4,000 transistor radios and 10,000 pocket books have been distributed. The operation is continuing, Mr. Perry said.

NO MORE YEARLY PAYMENTS

Ground rent to be paid 49 years in advance

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Purchasers of residential property situated on State land will as from April 1, no longer be required to pay a yearly ground rent, Aluf (res.) Meir Zorea, head of the Israel Lands Administration, announced yesterday.

Instead, they will be charged a lump sum on acquisition, equal to 90.8 per cent of the plot's market value. This will give them rights of occupation, rent-free, for 49 years, with option to renew for another 49 years. They will be able to sell the property to anyone they please, without having to pay "consent money," as at present.

"We shall thus be rid of all the bureaucracy which arises from continuous transactions with the administration," Mr. Zorea stated bluntly at a press conference in Jerusalem. Up to now tenants paid 80 per cent of the plot value in cash, and ground rent on the remaining 20 per cent. Every seven years this ground rent was revised. Consent money, levied on re-sale, was one-third of the increased land value.

All this is now abolished. Consent money will only be imposed if the nature of the property is changed (e.g., if a hotel is built on the site, or the number of flats is increased). It has not yet been decided what proportion of the heightened value will be levied in such cases.

The new arrangement refers to future contracts, of which there are 20,000-25,000 each year. As to the 225,000 existing contracts, they remain valid, but the Lands Administration will make it attractive for tenants to switch to the new lease — which is simpler, and involves less donkey-work for the Lands Administration.

Those agreeing to change contracts will have to pay only the outstanding 10.8 per cent of plot value, since they already paid 80 per cent when acquiring the apartment. Plot values for public housing in Jerusalem are currently IL6,000-8,000. An extra 10.8 per cent would come to IL650-865. In the development areas, where plots are priced at around IL2,000, the outlay would be only IL220.

Mr. Zorea stated that persons who buy a home in a Government housing project and receive a mortgage loan, will be permitted to pay for the plot in instalments over the period of the mortgage. They will be charged the same interest as is paid on the mortgage loan.

The new system is an approach to selling plots outright. But the Cabinet maintains that national land must go on belonging to the State, Mr. Zorea said.

"I believe personally that this system (a one-time capitalised ground-rent payment at the time of acquisition) should be extended to all State lands, including those occupied by factories, commercial premises and hotels," he added. "So far the Ministerial Economic Committee has limited its approval only to residential housing."

THE RICH AREN'T GETTING RICHER

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The shortages of basic raw materials combined with their constantly rising prices is "tantamount to a redistribution of income on an international scale," Dr. David Horowitz, former Governor of the Bank of Israel, said yesterday. He was speaking at the opening session of the International Conference on Marketing Systems for Developing Countries.

He implied, without saying so directly, that the standard of living in the developed countries would level off while that of the developing countries which have the raw materials would continue to rise.

"The increase of prices of the products of developing nations in the last two years has already provided them with an increment of income larger than the total economic assistance extended to them in these two years by the developed nations," he said.

One of the main problems facing both the developing and the developed nations was the marketing of raw materials. Standards of living in both worlds would rise if the cost of moving the raw materials from one part of the world to the other and selling them were kept to a bare minimum.

"The development of proper marketing methods and organization will stimulate economic growth and development and conversely a lack of efficient marketing instruments and intermediaries may retard such growth," he said.

The first scientific lecture was given by Mr. C. C. Slater, of Kenya. The scientific lectures and discussions will continue throughout the week. The delegates were still arriving yesterday, and it is hoped that the planned figure of 100 visitors from 22 foreign countries will be met.

A MOTORIST caught driving without a no-driving-day sticker on his car was yesterday fined IL150 in the Ashkelon Magistrates' Court. Judge Zvi Nadiv had reduced the fine after Moshe Goudsmit of Kiryat Malachi explained that the car had been on military service when the stickers were given out.

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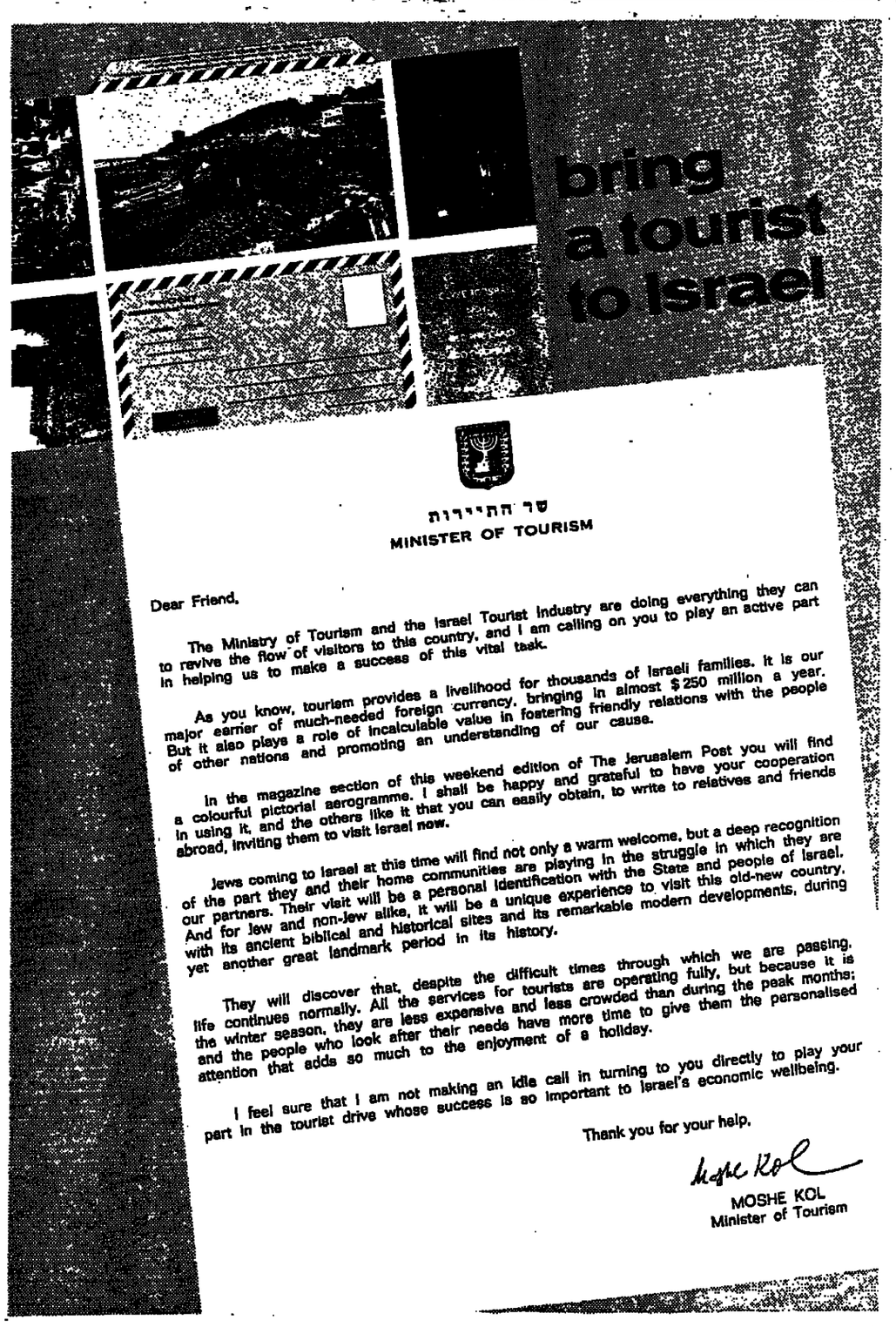
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In the magazine section of this weekend edition of The Jerusalem Post you will find a colourful pictorial aerogramme. I shall be happy and grateful to have your cooperation in using it, and the others like it that you can easily obtain, to write to relatives and friends abroad, inviting them to visit Israel now.

Jews coming to Israel at this time will find not only a warm welcome, but a deep recognition of the part they and their home communities are playing in the struggle in which they are our partners. Their visit will be a personal identification with the State and people of Israel. And for Jew and non-Jew alike, it will be a unique experience to visit this old-new country, with its ancient biblical and historical sites and its remarkable modern developments, during yet another great landmark period in its history.

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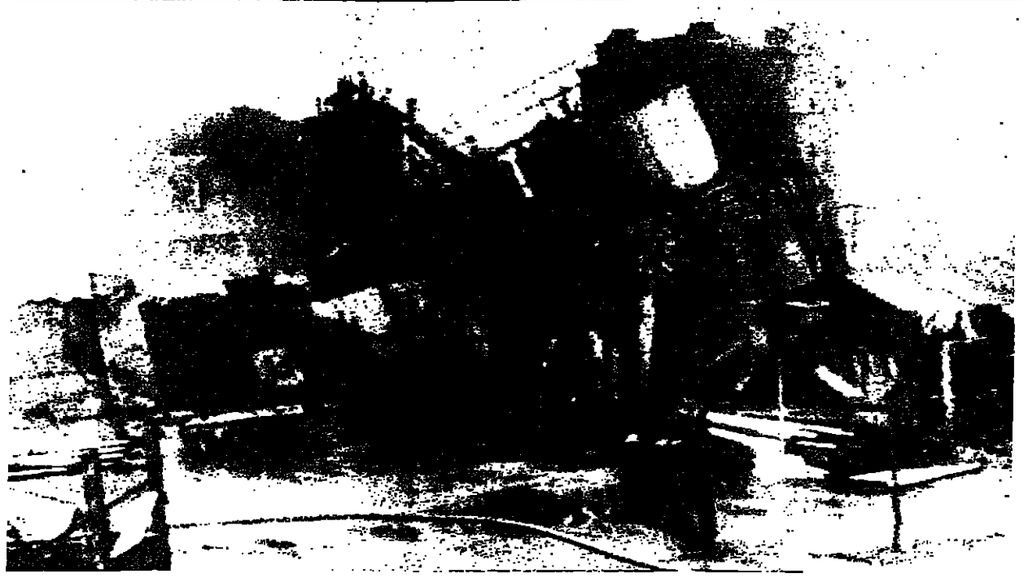
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Oil depot at Macon, central France, after it burned down over the weekend, destroying 3,000 cubic metres of domestic fuel and gas oil. Inquiry is going on to determine the cause of the blaze, the second in recent weeks. (AP radiophoto)

Opec meeting in Geneva may lead to talks with oil consumers

GENEVA. — Ministers of the world's major oil exporting nations met yesterday to consider holding talks with oil users to stabilize run-away fuel costs.

The ministers of the 12 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) member states, who supply 85 per cent of world oil imports, met informally to discuss the fuel crisis.

Aides of Venezuelan Mines Minister Hugo Perez La Salvia said he would make a formal proposal to the conference that the oil producers meet major oil consuming nations to agree on a formula for fixing crude oil prices.

Such a meeting would be the first of its kind and in line with President Nixon's call for a cooperative effort to ease the energy crisis.

The formula sought would aim at trimming the profits of Western oil firms and braking the price spiral of fuel and manufactured goods, Opec officials said.

Opec's members are Abu Dhabi, Algeria, Ecuador, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia.

French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert yesterday was quoted by Paris newspapers as saying that France would accept President Nixon's plan for an international energy group only if the oil-producing countries agree to join. Mr. Jobert's comment during an interview on Radio Luxembourg was France's first reaction to Nixon's plan to ask both oil-producing and oil-consuming countries to join to prevent a global depression. The plan was announced on Friday by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

In another energy development, the U.S. Export-Import Bank may consider making a $49.5m. credit loan to the Soviet Union to help finance exploration for natural gas, an official of the bank has acknowledged. "We might consider the matter," Export-Import vice-chairman Walter Sauer confirmed in a brief interview.

TALK OF LOAN

The possibility of such a loan was disclosed by Rep. Les Aspin, (Dem.-Wis.), who said it would go against a House of Representatives ban prohibiting such loans until President Nixon certifies that the Soviets permit free emigration of Jews and other citizens.

In the U.S. criminal action will be taken against those who charge illegal prices for petrol, federal energy chief William Simon says. Appearing on the television show "Issues and Answers" on Sunday, Simon was asked whether the federal energy office would make full use of its new legislative authority to take criminal action. "Absolutely," he said. Simon said his agency is looking into means of pressuring unwilling oil companies into limiting petrol sales to 10 gallons (about 38 litres) per customer.

In another interview with "U.S. News and World Report," Simon said he expects regular grade gasoline to be selling for 55 cents a gallon by next spring. He called predictions that the price would reach a dollar a gallon irresponsible.

Swedes, faced with stiff petrol rationing because of the energy crisis, left their cars at home yesterday or made last minute tankups before a midnight deadline, when car owners would be limited to 100 litres of petrol for 52 days until February 28. Government sources indicated that rationing could continue even after the initial period. *(AP, UPI)*

Gold-plated car sold for $180,000

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (AP). — After being towed into the auction ring because of a cracked oil pan, a 1920 Pierce-Arrow opera coupe was sold for $180,000.

The body was plated in 23-carat gold and every other part, including nuts and bolts, were plated in chrome or other shiny metal.

Earl Clark, bidding by telephone from Pennsylvania, paid the record price last Saturday to Ken Mausolf, of Denver. Mausolf said he purchased the car earlier this year from Wayne Pritchard of Grent Bend, Kansas. He said Pritchard had paid $62,500 for the ungainly-looking coupe in 1945 and spent 28 years replating it.

The sale came during the southwestern U.S. antique and classic car auction.

Clark had paid $153,000 at the Scottsdale sale last year for the parade car once used by Adolf Hitler. He sold it last October for $176,000, establishing a world record for classic cars. In between, the car used by desperados Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker had sold for $173,000.

Faulkner quits top Ulster post

BELFAST (UPI). — Northern Ireland's chief executive Brian Faulkner yesterday resigned as leader of the Protestant Unionist Party. But he will retain his post as head of the new power-sharing executive, his office said.

Faulkner's resignation came less than 72 hours after the party's governing body, the Unionist Council, rejected by a vote of 454 to 374 his power-sharing policies, including a proposed Council of Ireland.

Supporters close to Faulkner were forecasting he would form a new party. They said he had substantial support among Protestants for his policies.

"I have taken this step because I believe it would be wrong to continue in leadership of a party organization which has rejected the policies on which my colleagues and I fought the assembly elections," Faulkner told newsmen.

BIG SEARCH

Meanwhile, a massive hunt throughout Northern Ireland involving thousands of soldiers and policemen has failed to find any trace of the kidnapped British soldier, ranger William Horner, 18.

The kidnapping on Sunday was purported to have been carried out by a Protestant extremist organization. The group apparently wanted to force a public inquiry into the killing of Protestant Alexander Howell in a clash with soldiers outside a pub in Belfast's Shankhill Road on December 28.

Plot against Lesotho gov't

MASERU, Lesotho (AP). — Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan's office announced yesterday there appeared to be "a massive plot to overthrow the government of Lesotho by force."

A statement issued after an emergency cabinet meeting said armed gangs attacked three police substations in the northern part of the mountainous kingdom of one million, landlocked within South Africa. Supporters of the opposition Basutoland Congress Party were blamed for the incidents.

Unofficial reports earlier said four police posts were involved and that one raider was killed and two policemen were abducted. They also said 20 members of the Congress Party were seized on Sunday.

The attacks followed the arrest on Saturday of two black men travelling in a car registered in South Africa. The statement said a third man was being sought. Explosives were found in the car on the outskirts of Maseru along with a letter requesting the purchase of explosives from a possible source in South Africa.

"It is the initial impression of the Lesotho Mounted Police on interrogation of the two men detained, that they were part of a massive plot to overthrow the government of Lesotho by force," the statement said.

Lesotho gained independence from Britain in 1966, and conditions remained peaceful until general elections in 1970. Jonathan scrapped the balloting when it appeared his ruling National Party was losing, jailed opposition leaders, discarded the constitution and began ruling by decree.

Political detainees were released months later. A state of emergency remained in force until last year when a hand-picked Parliament was appointed — but deep political differences were never more than papered over and the peace remained fragile.

'CARTEL BID'

NEW YORK (AP). — "Since its founding in 1960 the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has been trying, in simplest terms, to create a cartel," the "Wall Street Journal" said yesterday. "It has not yet succeeded, contrary to recent appearances, but it has come far enough to pose serious questions about how much of a thrust in that direction oil-consuming nations can tolerate," the financial daily added in an editorial.

"Opec delegates holding a special meeting in Geneva this week should seriously consider President Nixon's warning that fuel problems could precipitate a world-wide recession. If that seemed imminent the tolerance might quickly disappear... nothing has happened so far that would justify military countermeasures but there is a limit to what the consuming nations might tolerate even in a world where it is possible for small nations to purchase some security from one or the other big powers.

"The economic risks alone, however, should give the oil nations pause. Possible economic retaliation is only one of them. Another is that the market has a way of backfiring against those who would manipulate it... the Opec nations... do not control enough real market power to get by with market rigging forever. However, it might help a lot if the U.S. and other consuming nations took a firmer line against such practices... the game has gone far enough that it is time to start getting serious about it," it concluded.

New fighting in Cambodia; airport under rocket attack

PHNOM PENH. — Government troops and Communist-led insurgents were yesterday locked in battle only three kms. north of the capital's Pochentong airport, which earlier came under rocket attack, the Cambodian High Command reported.

Field reports earlier said more than 3,000 government reinforcements backed by 75 armoured vehicles have been rushed to the northwest defence line to counter a large insurgent force threatening Phnom Penh from an area eight to 12 kms. northwest of the capital. Three spearheads of armoured personnel carriers were attacking a rebel pocket along a broad front in open rice fields along a 12-km. arc.

U.S. sources estimated that 3,000 rebels in a quick manoeuvre over the past two days have bulged into Phnom Penh's northwest defence zone, attacking 63 villages in the area.

Western observers said the new fighting was the first major action in the area since before the end of the U.S. bombing on August 15. Government agents who operate behind insurgent lines told field reporters that they had seen a large Khmer Rouge force with several hundred rockets moving into positions west of the capital and north of Pochentong airport.

The command gave no details of the fighting but said the insurgents appeared to be trying to block air traffic at Pochentong. Three helicopters were slightly damaged when two 75-mm recoilless rifle shells crashed into the military hangar area of the airport but there were no casualties, it said.

Cambodian Air Force T-28 aircraft were continuing bombing runs against insurgent artillery posts along the east bank of the Mek River, the command said.

Insurgent gunners have been rocketing Phnom Penh almost continuously since December 23, though the Government forces launched the current sweep against them just before the new year.

Nine persons were injured yesterday morning when guerrillas threw handgrenades into the capital's Olympic market and into a brothel not far from Prime Minister Long Boret's residence, military police said. The guerrillas escaped but police arrested a young man who had a grenade in her pocket.

The command also reported the reopening of the important Highway Four which links the country's only deep water port of Kompong Som in the southwest with Phnom Penh. The road had been cut since November. *(Reuter)*



Cambodian father clutches his wounded son moments after the youngster was caught in a shelling attack on Phnom Penh this weekend. More than 20 persons died in the attacks on the Cambodian capital which were resumed recently after a lapse of several years. (AP radiophoto)

Maximum alert for feared Hanoi attack

SAIGON (UPI). — President Nguyen Van Thieu ordered maximum security to be maintained during the Tet Lunar New Year festivals and the "days surrounding the anniversary" of the signing of the Paris cease-fire agreement, military sources said yesterday.

The traditional Tet holidays will last for three days beginning January 23 and the first anniversary of the cease-fire agreement is January 27.

Thieu told the chief of the Joint General Staff Gen. Cao Van Vien to issue orders to field commanders that "utmost security must be maintained during the three days of Tet, and the days surrounding the anniversary of the cease-fire," the sources said.

The sources said South Vietnamese troops were not forbidden to hold celebrations, but Thieu said the "highest alert must be kept during the holidays and the celebrations be kept to a minimum."

Last month, in a message to the South Vietnamese armed forces, Thieu said "This Tet (Year of the Tiger) might be another 1968 Tet offensive if our army and the population do not remain on alert and on the defensive."

Thieu has predicted a Communist general offensive early in 1974.

Two helicopters of the two-party joint military commission (JMC) carrying South Vietnamese Government and the Provisional Revolutionary Government (pro-Vietcong) delegates flew to Loc Ninh yesterday to inspect a possible site for the release of captive military and civilian personnel.

The South Vietnamese Government and the PRG on Friday agreed "in principle" to resume the release which was halted last July after South Vietnam accused the PRG of violating the release procedures. The release is expected to take place before Tet.

The command spokesman, Lt.-Col. Le Trung Hien, said the delegates will report to the chiefs of the JMC for further discussions today.

Procedural matters have been constant barriers in the prisoner exchange, which should have been completed by last April 27 in accordance with provisions of the Paris peace agreement.

South Vietnam has so far released to the Vietcong about 28,000 civilian and military prisoners in return for more than 5,000. Each side claims the other is holding thousands more.

Hanoi blasts threat by Schlesinger

SAIGON (AP).— Hanoi Radio yesterday attacked a statement U.S. Defence Secretary Jam Schlesinger that U.S. air sup of the South Vietnamese might considered if the North Vietnam launch an all-out offensive into south.

The official North Vietnamese dio called Schlesinger's state "a very serious violation of spirit and word of the Paris a ment, an insolent challenge to Vietnamese people and to p opinion all over the world."

The broadcast continued: Vietnamese people reject this t and warn that the United St and the Saigon administration bear full responsibility for the sequences arising from their of war."

In a television interview in ington on Sunday, Schlesinger timated the possibility of a ma North Vietnamese assault at than 50 per cent. But he sai was "highly likely" that Presi Nixon would ask Congress for thority to provide U.S. tactical support if the North Vietnam launched an offensive.

INDIA GETTING SAM-6s

Bhutto makes urgent plea for U.S. arms

RAWALPINDI (AP). — Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's urgent plea on Sunday for the U.S. to end its embargo on the supply of new arms to Pakistan reflects its growing concern that it is losing out in the arms race on the Indian sub-continent.

His anxiety was expressed during a visit to Pakistan of a top Chinese military delegation.

Informed sources said yesterday that India's military strength is much greater than Pakistan's and the disparity was growing.

Pakistan is particularly concerned about reports that the Soviet Union has promised to supply Sam-6 mobile surface-to-air missiles to India. These are the same missiles which proved so effective against Israel's Air Force during the October war, sources say.

India already has Sam-2 missiles, but Pakistan has no missiles at all.

The big problem facing Pakistan's armed forces, according to the sources, is that they are about 70 per cent American-equipped, but have received no new equipment since the imposition of the embargo in 1965. Service chiefs are aware that it is impossible to keep their existing tanks, aircraft and naval vessels working indefinitely even with the help of spare parts.

"At some stage they are going to grind to a halt," said a source.

India, on the other hand, according to Pakistan's information, producing tanks at the rate of a year and receiving the same number of Soviet Mig-21 fighters. Pakistan is producing neither tanks planes, and flies outmoded Sabre jets and Mig-19s.

Nearly all Pakistan newspapers yesterday led their front pages with Mr. Bhutto's statement that the resumption of U.S. military assistance to Pakistan was essential in view of the country's strategic importance. He said that it was in the global interests of the U.S. to see that "the stability of Pakistan remains a cornerstone of American foreign policy."

The immediate reaction of a U.S. embassy spokesman here was that American policy has not changed. If the embargo remains firm, some observers believe it could force Pakistan to seek other sources of supply.

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Dollar hits record high in Europe

ONDON (UPI). — The dollar rose new record highs yesterday on e European money markets as vestors moved out of European urrencies into dollars, fearful of umulative effects of the oil shortge on Europe's industries.

In Frankfurt, the Central Bank, an attempt to maintain the value the mark in relation to the dolr, announced it sold $62.85m. at e midday fixing. But the dollar ntinued its meteoric rise during ternoon trading, closing at 2.8850 arks, 9 pfennings or about 3.5 er cent higher than its opening rice.

In Paris, the commercial dollar, sed in foreign trade, soared in one the biggest recent spurts reorded on the market, closing at 94 francs compared with Friday's ficial fixing of 4.827 francs. The ancial dollar, which fluctuates rely under buying by tourists and eculators, closed at 5.02 francs.

Gold was strong everywhere. ndon bullion dealers said that rsistent small buying kept the rice up although actual turnover as only moderate. On the London llion market gold closed at 22.25, up $3 on Friday's close. In rankfurt, gold rose 38 cents to 119.61. In Paris it was up $3.62 commercial $121.77. In Zurich e price closed at $121.25.

1974 'mild' recession seen for U.S.

EW YORK (AP). — "Headlong flation and a marked slowing own in production, jobs, income nd profits" will lead the U.S. into mild recession in the first six months of 1974 but there will be ome quickening of the economic ulses thereafter, "Time" magazine orecast.

The magazine's board of economists said real growth of the U.S. conomy would range between zero nd 1.5 per cent, but it added: Despite all the gloom and uncerainty, remarkably, U.S. business nen are the most determinedly optimistic group in the country. Many believe that the grim statistics and computerized projections ail to take into account the proven ability of the nation and the conomy to adjust rapidly to changng conditions. The upbeat attitude hat businessmen have adopted hould be counted as an asset."

Meanwhile, an official of the National Association of Wheat Growers says a recent report that the 974 winter wheat harvest may be record of 1.5 billion bushels, up 9 per cent from last year, shows hat there are price troubles ahead or producers.

The Department of Agriculture lso has indicated the spring-planted crop will be up, meaning that 974 total wheat output may be a ecord two billion bushels, up from .7 billion last year.

Political arrests reported in Athens

ATHENS (AP). — Nicholas Psaoudakis, publisher of the anti-government newspaper "Christianiki," was arrested by security police yesterday, a staffer at his office reported.

Stavros Paravas, a popular actor here in political satires, was also being detained, his family reported.

In both cases the charges were not known.

YEN 'DEVALUED' BY SEVEN PER CENT

TOKYO (UPI). — The value of the yen dropped sharply yesterday when the Japanese Government abandoned its support of the national currency in the face of inflation and the oil crisis. A Bank of Japan statement said it would let the yen fall from its starting price yesterday of 280 to the dollar to around 300 — a de facto devaluation of seven per cent.

At the close of the day's session on the Tokyo foreign exchange market, the yen was changing hands at a rate of 299.50. At one point during afternoon dealing the dollar was fetching 301 yen.

The move reflected the twin effects of inflation of the Japanese economy and the oil shortage, economic observers said.

The cost of living in Tokyo rose by around 20 per cent in 1973, according to the latest published figures. The oil boycott, announced on October 17 by the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), has led to a decline in industrial production and speeded an outflow of dollars from Japan's reserves.

The yen has been floating against the dollar since last March, but recently the Government intervened in an attempt to halt a rapid decline of the value of its currency.

Finance Ministry officials appeared calm yesterday despite the drop in value of the yen. "It represented the real value (of the yen)," a Ministry official said. Money market sources said $66m. were traded yesterday compared with $460m. last Friday.

The Bank of Japan's "hands off" decision came in the wake of relaxation in the flow of dollars into this country.

The Finance Ministry announced last week that it had decided to abandon its policy of keeping dollars from coming into Japan, an action it was forced to take in the face of increases in the price of oil.

Japan had $19,000m. in foreign currencies and gold last year but at year end its foreign exchange reserves dropped to $12,000m.

Because of the oil price hike, officials and importers said Japan may have to spend as much as $14,000m. this year if it wanted to buy as much oil as it purchased last year at a total price of about $4,000m.

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Japanese trade minister on oil business tour

TOKYO. — Japanese Trade Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone left here yesterday for an 11-day overseas tour apparently designed to cushion the impact of the oil crisis.

Mr. Nakasone told a press conference on Sunday he will visit Iran and Iraq to seek agreement on a trade deal, under which Japan would help set up oil refineries in exchange for oil supplies of 30 million tons a year.

In Britain he will have talks with Prime Minister Edward Heath and other leaders on the possibility of Japanese participation in North Sea oil development. He will also visit Bulgaria.

Talks on Japanese economic cooperation with Arab countries were begun last month by Deputy Premier Takeo Miki.

Japan's Kyodo news agency reported yesterday that Communist China has reacted favourably to Japan's new pro-Arab policy. It quoted government sources as saying that Chinese leaders have shown their understanding of Japan taking priority in its relations with the U.S. over Sino-Japanese relations.

China's attitude toward the recent Japanese shift in its Middle East policy became known as a result of Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira's visit to Peking, Kyodo said. *(Reuter, UPI)*

Taiwan economy up 12 per cent

TAIPEI. — Nationalist China's economy grew by 12 per cent in 1973, one of the highest increases in recent years.

Preliminary estimates showed that Taiwan's two-way trade reached around $8,000m. in 1973 and that exports surpassed imports by about $700m. Taiwan's foreign trade amounted to $5,800m. in 1972, with a favourable surplus of $500m.

Trade growth is expected to slow down this year because of a lower industrial rate due to international shortages of raw materials and the energy crisis. Industrial products constitute about 90 per cent of Taiwan's exports, while about 50 per cent of imports are raw materials.

Per capita income in Taiwan reached $467 in 1973, compared with $375 in 1972, a rise of 8.4 per cent which is about the same as the previous year. The gross national product was $9,392m. in 1973, an increase of 12.3 per cent over the previous year after readjustments for inflation. The GNP totalled $7,679m. in 1972. *(China Post)*

Brezhnev postpones Cuba trip again

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet Communist Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev may not make his already postponed official visit to Cuba until the end of this month, usually reliable sources said yesterday.

Mr. Brezhnev was originally due to fly to Havana to attend January 2 celebrations of the 15th anniversary of Fidel Castro's revolution, but he postponed the trip to the middle of the month.

Slowdown in UK to be tightened

LONDON (UPI). — Coal miners and railway locomotive drivers yesterday demanded a tightening of their weeks-long slowdown stranglehold on Britain's crisis-stricken economy.

It has crippled industry, forced the Government to proclaim a state of emergency and to put industry on a three-day work week, and plunged the country into its gravest crisis since World War II.

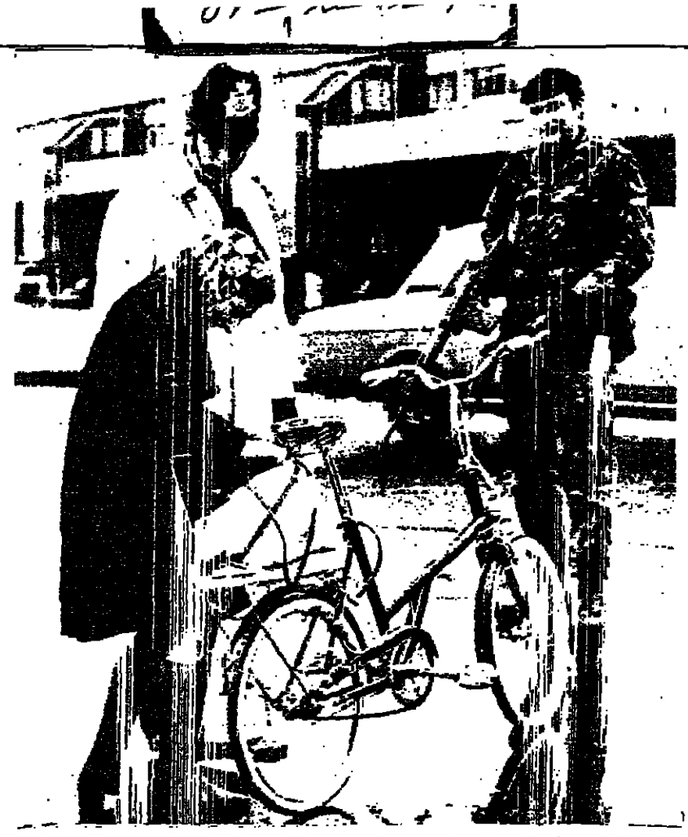
The government yesterday announced a total of 885,000 workers so far have been laid off as a result of the three-day week for industry. The total on Friday was 751,000.

At Billericay, 20 miles east of London, police were called to evict angry commuters who invaded the driver's cab of one of the few commuter trains. Other locomotive drivers already have had to seek police protection from irate commuters.

The work slowdowns by 260,000 coal miners and 29,000 railroad locomotive drivers were to back pay hike demands far in excess of the anti-inflation ceilings set by the government.

Leaders of 25,000 coal miners in Scotland voted unanimously to tighten the miners' overtime ban which began on November 12. The present slowdown has slashed coal production nearly 40 per cent.

CARDINAL. — Pope Paul has named Luigi Cardinal Traglia, an Italian, as dean of the College of Cardinals, the Vatican announced yesterday. Traglia, 78, a retired prelate who has been serving in the Vatican Curia and was the Pope's vicar for the city of Rome, succeeds the late Amleto Cardinal Cicognani.



STRICT SECURITY—June Wates, who works for Seaboard World airlines, is stopped and her bag attached to her bicycle is searched by a policeman, while a smiling soldier looks on, at Heathrow airport.

Explosives found in wreck of car with French students

ANGOULEME, France (UPI). — Police said yesterday they found 30 kilos of explosives and some weapons in a secret compartment of a car wrecked in a road accident on Sunday.

Three French students who were in the automobile — Jean-Yves Guillermet, 21, Joel Cartier, 21, and Alain Cartier, 20 — were hospitalized with serious injuries.

Police said papers found on Guillermet indicated he had made several voyages to Turkey and was preparing to go to Sweden. Alain Cartier had also been to Turkey recently, they said.

Police sources said investigators were waiting to question the youths to see if they were connected with a group of ex-Palestinian and Turkish terrorists arrested with an arsenal of weapons in a Paris villa last month.

Meanwhile, the state of alert mounted at Orly airport at the time of the recent Rome hijack will continue in the immediate future, airport officials said yesterday.

Security forces at the airport were reinforced with an extra 700 policemen, riot squads and plainclothed security men.

All landing and departing aircraft are followed on the tarmac by a jeep loaded with armed police, and when an incoming plane comes to a halt, riot police with sub-machine guns supervise the disembarkation of passengers.

Departing travellers are subjected to a body search and must pass through metal detector devices. All hand-baggage is searched.

Quake destroys Peruvian village

LIMA (UPI). — Peruvian rescue teams said yesterday they discovered the rubble of a village in the Western Andes which was entirely demolished by an earthquake on Saturday.

They said the earthquake killed 10 persons and injured hundreds in the area.

Civil Defence officials said all 150 huts collapsed in the village of San Joaquin, 128 kms. southeast of Lima, but only two of its 1,500 inhabitants perished.

UK alert spreads to Windsor

LONDON. — British soldiers and police yesterday were patrolling the grounds of Windsor Castle in an extension of a massive alert for terrorists at London's Heathrow Airport about 10 km. away.

The castle is in direct line with the flight paths of many airliners using Heathrow, where police and troops armed with machineguns and light tanks have mounted a security guard unprecedented in peacetime Britain.

The security operation at Heathrow, involving more than 400 police and fully armed troops, was renewed yesterday — for the third day — and is expected to continue for at least the whole of this week. Police security at other British airports was strengthened yesterday.

Army and police chiefs say officially that the operation is only an exercise. But British press reports link it with a group of Arab terrorists believed to have infiltrated into Europe armed with Soviet-made Sam 7 missiles. When dismantled, the Sam can be hidden in a suitcase. There is speculation that the terrorists plan to attack an airliner in flight near one of Europe's major airports.

The provisional wing at the IRA claimed yesterday they have planes and are training pilots in preparation for "much more spectacular" commando strikes in Britain. The hardline group said in Dublin that nine guerrilla pilots were being trained in Ireland and nine more in Libya, bankrolled by Col. Muammer Gaddafi.

European airports yesterday reported tight security nearly everywhere, with the numbers of guarding police stepped up in several cases since the London alert was called.

In London, the "Sunday Times" meanwhile reported that intelligence agencies, "primarily the American CIA," believe up to 20 terrorist attacks are imminent in Europe.

"Several terrorist groups who do not share a common aim are involved," the newspaper said. "And evidence has emerged that suggests there is growing cooperation among them."

The paper did not elaborate.

A 25-year-old American woman whom the British had detained at Heathrow on Friday and sent back to the U.S. on Sunday was questioned by the FBI yesterday and released. Robin Orban was described by British authorities as an associate of three men arrested in London for possession of firearms.

The three allegedly are members of an extremist group opposed to the pro-Western government of Morocco. They were charged on Saturday with conspiracy. *(AP, Reuter, UPI)*

PLANES. — Thirty airline jets valued at $151m. were lost in major disasters last year, Lloyds of London reported yesterday. It said 933 passengers died in the accidents, against 1,300 in 25 jet losses the preceding year.

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Drunken orgies, stealing at Moscow diamond plant

MOSCOW (UPI). — The diamond experts at the Moscow jewellery factory do not appear to have been suited to their precision work. The newspaper "Sotsialisticheskaya Industria" said yesterday the factory's diamond department became "the domain of alcoholic frenzy."

It said everyone in the department spent much of his time rolling around drunk on vodka in "an atmosphere of loafing, familiarity and mass drinking." On one occasion, it said, a polisher finished a diamond worth several thousands of rubles and sold it for a bottle of vodka.

The newspaper said the workers were able to get away with all this because they had a large stock of unregistered diamonds embezzled by their boss, M. Bielov, who later became an official of the Foreign Trade Ministry, and will face trial. Bielov and another official of the ministry were arrested.

"Sotsialisticheskaya Industria" said the KGB got onto the case last year with the arrest of an "emigrating Jew," Anatoly Gold, who allegedly was trying to smuggle out a large number of diamonds.

Investigations led to a ring of smugglers and embezzlers who used profits from stolen gems to speculate in currency and cars. Some of the workers were bribed with drink, then blackmailed.

The newspaper said 20 persons were convicted and received sentences ranging from six to 14 years. Among them, it said, was the former chief administrator of Moscow's Sovremennik Theatre, B. Jaimov, who pocketed 7,000 rubles in one year from selling stolen diamonds.

Jaimov operated from a car "which he had turned into a restaurant on wheels in which jewellers always found a rich repast," the "Sotsialisticheskaya Industria" said.

The newspaper said that this "worker for culture" and the director of a watch shop arrested with him "did not even have a secondary school education." The cause of the wrongdoing, it said, was the lack of control over diamonds used by the factory and the "atmosphere of leniency" reigning there.

Nixon seen in new hard-line approach to Watergate affair

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — President Nixon seems to have decided to ignore his critics and accusers as much as possible in a new hard-line approach to the Watergate bugging scandal.

Signs that he plans to soft-pedal his so-called Operation Candor — launched late last year following allegations of wrong-doing — appeared to put him in conflict with Vice-President Gerald Ford, who has publicly urged Mr. Nixon to extend the operation.

The clearest indication that Mr. Nixon has had second thoughts about making the fullest disclosures on Watergate was his flat rejection on Friday of subpoenas by the Senate Watergate Committee to produce hundreds of presidential tapes and documents.

Another sign was a White House announcement that Mr. Nixon may not after all give the American people a summary of crucial tape-recorded conversations he had about the June bugging of the Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate complex here.

White House officials said no final decision had been made about releasing the summary, but they gave the impression it would not now be produced.

Mr. Nixon's reluctance to make more disclosures has apparently been stiffened by private White House soundings of public opinion on his possible involvement in the Watergate affair.

A Gallup poll conducted at the end of 1973 showed 29 per cent of those interviewed approved of President Nixon's performance in office. That was two points above the year's low. The latest poll was taken December 7-10. His job rating has declined 39 points since last January, when a survey taken immediately after the Vietnam peace settlement showed a record 68 per cent expressing approval.

Most members of Congress have agreed that public opinion will finally dictate whether the House of Representatives eventually votes for Mr. Nixon's impeachment and his trial by the Senate.

According to an opinion survey published in the "New York Times" on Sunday, 79 per cent of those interviewed believe one or more of the most serious charges against the President are true.

But there was a tiny majority — 45 per cent to 44 per cent — against impeachment, not because they believed in Mr. Nixon's innocence, but because they were more concerned about the harmful effects on the country. *(Reuter, AP)*

Despite Arab critics, new U.S. envoy to Lebanon is approved

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The Lebanese Government has approved of President Nixon's selection of G. McMurtie Godley to be U.S. Ambassador in Beirut, the State Department said yesterday.

The spokesman, George Vest, told newsmen that in accordance with diplomatic tradition, the approval of the Lebanese Government had been obtained prior to the recent announcement of Godley's nomination. Vest made the comment when asked about published reports from Beirut that the Lebanese Government had not approved the nomination.

Arab critics, including terrorists, urged the Lebanese Government to reject him, and criticized his role in directing secret military operations against guerrillas while Ambassador to Laos.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee last fall rejected Godley's nomination to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific affairs largely because of his activities while Ambassador to Laos.

Messmer: M.E. war heralds new era for world economy

METZ (UPI). — French Prime Minister Pierre Messmer said yesterday that the world is at the start of a new economic era and conditions are unlikely ever to return to what they were before the last Middle East war.

Speaking to the Moselle local council, Messmer said: "The classic analysis is that we are in the midst of a crisis caused by the war and this will cease with the peace as it did after the Korea war."

Messmer said: "On the contrary, I believe we are at the start of a new phase in the world economy characterized by the rise in prices of primary materials — not only petrol but fertilizers, rubber and non-ferrous metals."

CABLES IN BRIEF

KITES. — The crack 230 k.p.h. trains of Japan's Tokyo-Osaka line were halted nine times on Sunday by children flying kites, a spokesman for Japan National Railways said yesterday. Trains had to be stopped up to 40 minutes each time because kites became entangled with the electrified train's overhead powerline.

BLACKOUT. — An electricity blackout darkened most of Finland below the Arctic Circle for about 30 minutes yesterday during the going-home rush hour. The electricity company blamed a short circuit.



Rabbi and Mrs. Rozencwaig presenting a cheque to Dr. Samuel L Stern, Director of Bayit Lepletot Girls' Home.

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Rabbi Dow Rozencwaig not only pledged himself and his Congregation to Bayit Lepletot with generous yearly donations, but he also interested his well-organized Sisterhood, headed by its very capable president, Mrs. Esther Szapoznik, to take an active role. They took the home and its children under their wing and proved to be true "Angels of Mercy."

Last year the Director of Bayit Lepletot, Rabbi Dr. Samuel I. Stern visited Miami Beach and met with his close friend, Rabbi Rozencwaig. Rabbi Stern reported on the new sister project, Mother and Baby Convalescent Home, that Bayit Lepletot has helped to found.

This new project is meeting an urgent need in Jerusalem as it is the first of its kind in the post-natal field. Many needy mothers have no help when they return home after just a two-day stay in the Maternity Ward. The hospitals are over-crowded and cannot keep these mothers longer. In the Mother and Baby Convalescent Home these young mothers are given an additional ten-day stay with their new infants so preparing them to deal with the responsibilities of motherhood.

The charitable Sisterhood unanimously voted to donate all the nurses' uniforms and the infants' layettes.

Recently Rabbi Rozencwaig and his dear wife made a trip to Israel and presented Rabbi Stern with the generous gift from the Sisterhood that would enable the Mother and Baby Convalescent Home to cover the cost of the nurses' uniforms and babies' clothing.

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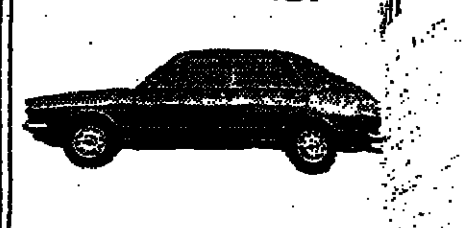
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JERUSALEM
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

ARNON: Perversion Story; **CHEN:** The Raid in the Army; **EDEN:** Stranger in the High School; **EDISON:** Dert Bende; **HABIRAH:** The Contact; **JERUSALEM:** A Night at the Opera, 7.00; **ORGIL:** How to Catch a Man; **ORION:** Enter the Dragon; **ORNA:** The Neptune Factor; **RON:** What Do You Say to a Naked Lady?; **SEMADAR:** Mary Queen of Scots.

TEL AVIV
4.30, 7.15, 9.30)

ALLENBY: Charley Varrick; **BEN YEHUDA:** Kill; **CINEMA ONE:** The Dead Are Alive; **CINERAMA:** Battle of the Giants (no matinees); **CHEN:** The Bigamist; **DEKEL:** The Great Race, 6.45, 9.30; **EDEN:** Joe the Boss, 3, 5, 7, 9; **ESTHER:** Blume in Love; **ORDAN:** The Day of the Jackal; **DRIVE-IN CINEMA:** Bagdad, 5.15; Ringo, 7.15; Wedding Night, 9.30; **GAT:** Pete N'Tillie; **GORDON:** Le Grand Blond Avec Une chaussure Noire; **HOD:** The Clay Pigeon; **LIMOR:** The Last of Sheila; **MAXIM:** A Place Called Trinity; **MOGRABI:** Man of the East; **OPHIR:** White *Lightning;* **ORLY:** Waterloo Bridge; **PEER:** Malizia; **PARIS:** Straight on Till Morning; **RAMAT AVIV:** And Hope to Die, 7.15, 9.30; **STUDIO:** Journal Intime d'Une Demi-Vierge; **TCHELET:** Play It Again Sam; **TEL AVIV:** Emperor of the North Pole; **ZAFON:** The Heartbreak Kid.

RAMAT GAN
(7.15, 9.30)

ARMON: Decameron No. 2, 7.15, 9.30; *Winston Doesn't Foget, 4;* **HADAR:** The Getaway; **LILI:** To Sir, With Love; **OASIS:** The Death with the Lonely Girl; **ORDEA:** The Fearless Vampire Killers; **RAMA:** Goldfinger, 7.15, 9.30; **RAMAT GAN:** Le Droit d'Aimer.

HERZLIYA

DAVID: Le Circle Rouge, 7.00, 9.15.

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM: The Ski Raiders, 7.00, 9.15; Charlie Chaplin the Policeman, 3.30.

HAIFA
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE: Black Gunn; **ARMON:** Four Flies on Grey Velvet; **ATZMON:** Cleopatra Jones; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD:** The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance; **CHEN:** What Do You Say to a Naked Lady? **MIRON:** Battle for the Planet of the Apes; **MORIAH:** The Getaway; **ORAH:** Fright; **ORION:** Revenge of the Big Boss; **ORLY:** Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire; **PEER:** The Hospital; **RON:** Bananas at High School; **SHAVIT:** The Thief Who Came to Dinner.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 522 and 221 M.

News: 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 a.m., 12 noon, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 p.m., 12 midnight, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00.

7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.05 "Morning Concert"—Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Haydn (Conductor: Edouard van Beinum); Beethoven: Triple Concerto in C-major for Piano, Violin and Cello; (Soloists: Isaac Stern, Leonard Rose, Eugene Istomin). 9.05 Dvorak Overture "Othello" opus 93 (Conductor: Istvan Kertesz); Bellini: Oboe Concerto in E-flat major (Soloist: Andre Larderot): Mozart: Symphony No. 41 in C-major ("Jupiter") (Conductor: Karl Boehm). 9.55 English News. 10.05 Stravinsky: "Le Baiser de la fee" (Conductor: The Composer). 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 12.35 "Midday Concert"—Claudio Arrau plays Concert Paraphrases by Liszt on Melodies by Verdi. 1.05 At Midday. 1.25 Midday Concert (cont.). Ginastera: "Pampana III". 2.05 Mother and Child. 2.35 S. Rosen's Quiz. 3.05 "Musical continuity" produced by Arieh Sachs. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 Book Review. 4.10 Talmud Lesson for High Schools. 5.05 "Composers suggest" Arthur Golhrun. 5.55 English News. 6.05 "People and Figures. 6.25 Guidance for Farmers. 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading: Yeshayahu, chaps. 17 and 18. 8.05 Reminiscences of Eretz Yisrael. 8.15 "Towards the Concert." 8.30 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (direct relay in Stereo from the Jerusalem Theatre) Conductor — Gary Bertini; *Soloists — Gino Pasquali,* Menashe Hadjes, Tibor Herdan, Issar Bushkin, Judith Lazarovici, Esther Admon, Avraham Salomon, Bibiana Goldental with The Berlin Concert Choir; Rossini: "Mose," Concert performance of the Opera. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 The Story of S. Michele. 12.05 A moment of poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Hebrew Songs and Tunes. 5.05-8.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 288, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

News: 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 noon, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00.

5.05 Hebrew Songs and Tunes. 5.55 Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This morning." 7.25 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 *"Good Morning."* 8.55 *Names and Events* in the Headlines. 9.05 "Good Morning." (cont.). 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and Sketches. 1.05 "At Midday." 1.25 Hebrew Songs. 2.10 "From Pop to Inclusive" — ed. Rivka Michaeli. 3.05 Popular Songs—Regards. 3.53 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 "Passport to Song." 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 "Passport to Song" (cont.). 5.05 A Selection of Songs from the Hit Parades. 6.05 "Songs We Loved." 6.45 Today's Sport. 9.05 "Be Our Guest" — with the Azazma Beduins South of Beer Shaba. 10.05 "A Matter of Taste." 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 Jazz. 12.05-3.00 songs and tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 Opening. 7.00 News. 7.25 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

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5.30 News. 5.32 Service Broadcast. 5.40 Science Series. .10 Dr. Doolittle. 8.00 Documentary. 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 Cannon. 9.50 Moked. 10.4? "Akren"—with Yossi Yadin. 11.? News.

Educational: 8.15 Advice and Guidance. 8.40 *Electricity 10.* 9.05 Mathematics 7. 10.00 English 9. 10.20 English 7. 10.45 For Kindergarteners. 11.05 Geometry 9. 11.25 English 7. 12.00 English 10. 12.20 English 8. 1.00 Technology 9. 1.20 Citizenship 7. 4.? Technical Drawing 5. 4.30 Mathematics 4.38 English 5. 4.59 English 8. 5.? Film.

Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 "Songs we chose for you." 7.00 Family magazine. 7.30 News.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 423, 258, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew, Ivrit La'am. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 7.45 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
9.55 a.m. (1st programme);
1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
5.55 p.m. (1st programme);
8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme);
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).

1st Programme — 256, 522 and 221 M.
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 292 M.
3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

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News: Every hour on the hour.

6.05 Early Morning Tunes—Greetings. 6.55 For Soldiers and their families. *Morning Tunes.* 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Diary. 8.30 Requests. 10.55 With Uri Sela. 11.05 Warm and Tasty. 11.55 Tamar Maroz Suggests. 12.05 Zahal's Diary. 12.30 Warm and Tasty. 1.30 With Hanna Zemer. Warm and Tasty. 1.55 Announcements. 2.05 Entertainment programme with Miri Peer and Revital Amit. 2.30 Quiz. 3 Programme Trailer. 3.05 Entertainment programme (cont.). 4.05 Please Call. Zahal's Diary. 5.40 Tunes for Everybody. 6.05 "Personal Questions" Yaakov's mon's programme. 7.05 "From Here to You" — with Edna Peer. 8.05 Song Corner. 8.30 By Request. Let's Talk — with Nathan Dunn. 11.53 "Midnight Talk". 12.05 Zahal's Diary. 12.30 "Night Birds" — Uri Lotan and Pnina Bat-Zvi. Entertainment programme. 3.05 in the Night.

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U.S. ENERGY RESERVES STRENGTHEN DOLLAR

Oil threat to world currencies

By J. VOET

sudden and very high increase in the price of crude will have far-flung and grave sequences for the trade of many ries, and will probably also nce and change currency rates. ernational oil trading has al- influenced the balances of ent of both importing, and exng countries. More than a deago the oil world was divided sterling and dollar areas. At ime it made quite a difference e buyer if the seller were ready ccept payment for oil in sterinstead of demanding the then stronger dollar. That is now history. Oil is a dollar comty, but the recent price rises probably influence the exchange of more than a few curren- including the dollar, the yen (it levalued by seven per cent yes- y) the German mark and the egian crown.

at oil was in for a further rise was not unexpected in of the continuously rising de- for the world's cheapest e of energy. Most experts fore- a rising trend in oil prices, the exception of Professor M.A. man, of the Massachusetts Ine of Technology, who argued, in ell-documented book published tly, that there is a surplus of the world and that oil prices come down in the long run. ar, the facts have proved his to be erroneous but nobody ted that Adelman would be so in the wrong.

e question is whether prices continue to rise or whether the roducers have gone too far and by their overcharging have spoilt the market for their product. Most experts think the producers have overdone it. The very doubling of the price of crude oil in many cases (though, of course, not the price of the final product after transportation, refining, distribution and taxation) has changed oil from the world's cheapest source of energy to a comparatively expensive one. The price rise itself will lead to a curtailment of consumption far more important than a weekly carless day as there is no more effective rationing than by the purse. The same applies to the use of electricity, often also oil-based, in its many forms. In addition some industries may become uncompetitive when they have to pay much more for their power. In short, there will be a natural, price-induced, curtailment of oil consumption the world over. What is more, the search for new oil wells and for alternative sources of power has become far more attractive than it has been for many years. The "Economist" has already suggested that at present prices it would be much cheaper to burn coal to produce energy than to use oil. That would lead to the reopening of abandoned coal mines and the exploitation of new fields. The present high prices would also induce an acceleration in the production of nuclear energy, and in the efforts to derive oil from tar sands and to produce power from shale oil.

These combined efforts may eventually lead to a decline in the demand for oil at high prices and consequently to a reversal of the present trend. This will, however, take a long time. Meanwhile, oil importing countries have to pay much more in foreign currency for their oil even if, as expected, they buy it in smaller quantities. The countries of the Middle East, headed by the Arab sheikhdoms plus Iran, Venezuela and Nigeria, will earn large sums of foreign currency which will enable them to expand and strengthen their economies or, if they do not have the necessary natural resources or people for doing this, to invest in other countries or simply hoard their newly-acquired wealth.

The big price increase, which will probably result in an extra flow of more than $100 billion annually, or more than the total Gross National Product of many medium-sized countries, will be far reaching. The economies of oil-importing countries and their balance of payments will be weakened.

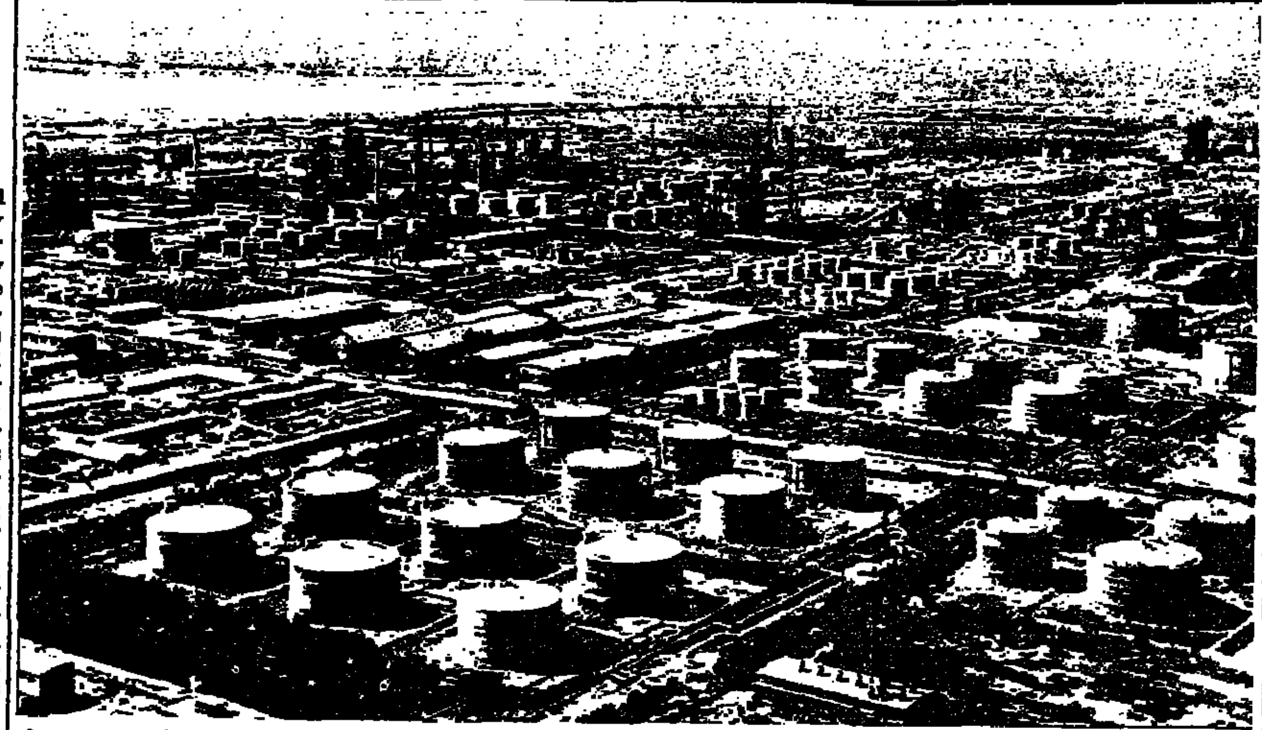
There is no immediate solace for sterling in the present oil prices. The Japanese yen will cease to be a strong currency. Germany will have great difficulty in keeping its almost traditional export surplus at a high level. The French franc will find itself in a more difficult situation.

FUEL PRODUCERS

Countries who are themselves energy producers, like the U.S.A., Canada and Holland, with its huge gas deposits, are better placed, especially if they step-up their own production, which they must surely do. In the not-too-distant future England and Norway will benefit from the huge North Sea oil finds.

On the other hand, not much is known of how the oil producers intend to spend their new riches. Iran and Iraq will buy machinery and know-how for further industrialization while Saudi Arabia will buy arms with at least part of its large income. But where these purchases will be made is still unknown. They may add to the strength of the dollar or diminish the inroads on sterling, on the German mark or on the Japanese yen, thereby counteracting the deleterious influence of the recent price rises on these currencies.

Incidentally, it is rumoured that Russia has benefited from the recent price increases because at least part of the arms sold to some Middle Eastern countries are to be paid for in oil at former prices.



An aerial view of the oil refinery at Taching, a national pace-setter in China's industrial revolution. (UPI)

China expects oil boom

SINGAPORE. — CHINA sold a million tons of oil to Japan during 1973, and Thailand's Deputy Foreign Minister flew to Peking over Christmas to clinch a vital purchase of 50,000 tons of diesel fuel.

Deals like this have provoked the publication of wild and conflicting statistics on the new potential of the People's Republic for keeping the wheels of the world turning. The cautious put reserves of Chinese crude at less than 3,000 million tons, but the more sanguine coolly multiply this figure by seven and in some cases speculate that sea-bed deposits could raise it to 70,000 million, making China the greatest source of oil on the planet.

Refining capacity lags a little behind oil production, which reached a credible if unspectacular 30 million tons in 1972 and may top 35 million tons in 1974. But the urge to expand the industry far more rapidly is there. Hitherto the Chinese have derived 90 per cent of their domestic energy from coal and hydro-electric power. More oil could therefore mean more oil exports and more money to spend on much-needed foreign equipment and technology, which in turn could provide the thrust for even bigger oil exports to a twitching world hooked on petroleum and incapable of painless withdrawal.

In practice as well as principle, China pursues a policy of self-reliance, but this does not totally preclude a readiness to buy the know-how and the nuts and bolts of a business from abroad. The Chinese are working three off-shore rigs in the East China Sea, one of which was purchased from Japan. They have also discussed with a Japanese firm the laying of a long-distance pipeline and the technical problems involved, and conferred with successive teams of experts from American oil and drilling-machinery companies that were invited to China earlier this year.

Those who dream of an everlasting stake in a 70,000 million-ton Chinese oil industry as others dream of China's "800 million customers" must be gently and compassionately awakened, however. The Chinese will only buy a knack until they acquire it themselves, and a machine until they can copy it in quantity. They had a brilliant record of engineering achievement until the 15th century, and although the two conservative dynasties that inherited the empire thereafter may have shackled the national genius, they did not amputate it.

While the oil rigs proliferate in Sinkiang, the wells multiply in Szechuan to the south, where production of natural gas has more than trebled in the past eight years and nearly 1,000 kms. of piping have been laid. But tall, leggy structures looking remarkably like the ancestor of the oil rig were raised in Szechuan well before Julius Caesar was born, for the Chinese were already drilling 600 metres deep into the earth for brine from which they extracted salt.

The brine was brought to the surface in a slender bamboo tube fitted with a valve which could be lowered into the shaft and raised again by pulley and windlass. The liquid was then poured down a bamboo pipeline to evaporation pans, and it was not very long before those were being heated with natural gas.

To drill the bore-hole without power, one group of men rotated the bamboo shaft of the drill while others hammered it into the ground by jumping on and off a pivoted beam. Joseph Needham, the eminent British Sinologist, has pointed out that 2,000 years later workers on the other side of the world still used the same method when they drilled their first oil wells. They were American, and they called it "kicking her down." If their great-grandchildren pass on to the Chinese their superb tools and technology to enable them to draw oil out of the East China Sea, therefore, they will only be repaying a debt. (Ofns)

U.K. industry running on ingenuity

LONDON (UPI). — The future looks grim but for the present Britain is learning to live with its three-day emergency work week with the same cheerful ingenuity that took it through World War II.

Machinery more than 80-years-old — museum pieces anywhere else — are back in service with some companies to run generators enabling them to work beyond the limit on using power from the precious public supply.

One company in Birmingham has converted its machinery to manual operation — slower but it keeps the production line moving. Still another lines up its trucks at dawn and dusk and proceeds with loading and unloading by the light of their headlights.

Piece workers, galvanized by the thought of a three-day salary, are cutting the lunch hour down and turning out almost as much as they did on the five-day week. And management is helping by hiring some of the soaring pool of unemployed to do minor chores that might take skilled workers away from machines for valuable minutes.

A jewellery firm found an old foot bellows useful in a soldering process. In Norfolk a firm making automobile upholstery maintained full production by moving its sewing machines to the homes of the women who operate them.

Similar stories came from all over the country — though all the optimistic reports were tempered by warnings that improvisation could go only so far and if the coal mine slowdown responsible for the threat to power was not soon settled the country would be in real trouble.

Only those who did not remember World War II were surprised by the resilience of the British in the face of adversity — and the fact that department stores reported they were doing record business despite the doleful newspaper headlines.

There was some grumbling. The mass circulation Sunday newspaper, "The News of the World" headlined this plea to Prime Minister Edward Heath: "Give Us Our Telly Back, Ted." It said the 10.30 p.m. curfew imposed on television for the duration of the crisis was a "ludicrous pantomime."

AVIV STOCKS

Prices continue to climb

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Stocks continued to slightly yesterday and the et turnover was IL701,000. The active share was ILD, which by two points to stand at 152, a turnover of 33,000. Discount stment also gained two points stand at 190 (24,000), while Hadera jumped by eight to 175 (17,000).

Index-linked bonds continued to rise. The turnover in bonds was IL6,525,600.

The Natad dollar fell by four points to IL4.81; turnover was $158,000.

The General Index rose by 0.83 per cent to stand at 238.93.

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ead Sea Junior	r	239.7	238.7
lectric Corp. A	r	134.5	134.5
lectric Corp. B	r	149.1	147.8
ED to the . INDEX cipal & Interest)			
1965, Index IL10.1	b	255.5	255.5
on 1968, Series 41	b	107.5	107.5
on 1969, Series 41	b	204.5	202.5
ERCIAL BANKS NKHOLDING PANIES			
Hityashvut	r	230.5	221
pref.	r	180	180
Bankholding	r	153	150
Bank	r	281	281
British Bank	b	310	295
unt Bank "A"	r	440	440
d Mizrahi Bank	b	138.5	136
Hapoalim—10%	b	318	318
Leumi—"A"	r	250.5	250.5
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Mortgage Bank	b	200	202.5
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& Mortg. Bank	b	233	233
ing Mortg. Bank	b	169	169
nt 8%	b	203	203
nt	b	198	198
IALIZED ANCIAL ITUTIONS			
& Dev. Bank 8%	r	68.5	67
neh Insurance	b	193	189
r—"C"	b	215.5	215.5
MERCIAL VICES & UTILITIES			
r House	b	67.5	67
C.	r	144.5	143.5
Storage—IL10	r	148	150
Electric Corp.	r	55	54.5
terage & Supply	r	158.5	154.5
D, BUILDING ELOPMENT CITRUS			
n	r	176.5	176.5
a Isr. IL10	r	256.5	256.5
and Dev.	b	159.5	158

Solel Boneh—10%	b	126	126
Property & Build.	r	184	184
Isras	b	141.5	140
Mehadrin	r	190.5	190.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	87	83
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	135.5	135
Neot Aviv	r	64	61.5
Pri Or Ltd.	r	157.5	157.5
Rassco—8%	r	79	76.5
Rassco—O.	r	61	60
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	490	493
Elco—2.5	b	98	97.5
Electra—5	r	198.5	187
"Argaman"—8%	b	235	285
"Ata"—C	r	114.5	114.5
Dubek	b	327	326
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	167	167
Teva	b	116.5	116.5
Chem. & Phophates	r	52	51
Lewin Epstein	b	55.5	53
Moller Textile	r	173	170.5
Phoenecia—8%	b	94	94
Paper Mills	r	275	267
Assis "B"	r	205	201
Nechustan	b	235	235
Shemen—8%	b	121	121
"Taal" Plywood	b	183	174
Elite (A)		268	268
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	72.5	72.5
Ellern	b	147	145
Israel Central Trade	r	198	198
Bank Hapoalim	b	226	220
Paz	b	90.5	90.5
Wolfson IL10	b	89	88
Amps	r	110	110
Discount Bank	b	192.5	190.5
United Mizrahi	b	99.5	99.5
Bank Leumi	r	181	180
Piryon Investment	r	91	93
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	76	78
Export Bank	b	58.5	57.5
Clal Investment	r	180	180
Clal Industries	r	177	178
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	68	66.5
Lapidoth OTC	r	133	132

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ALL STREET

Closing Monday, January 7, 1974

Uncertain stock prices

YORK (AP). — Stock prices mixed yesterday amid uncery about the energy crisis, the East, and Watergate, brokers

e Dow Jones average of 30 strials was down three points an hour before the close. But e market as a whole advancing s held a moderate lead over es in active trading.

e Dow blue-chip indicator ed up more than 32 points last week. Some brokers said yesterday there was no real news to keep pushing the market higher.

Building materials were off. The president of Kaufman and Board, one of the nation's largest home-building companies, predicted a bad time for the housing market in the first half of this year.

The Dow Jones index of 30 industrial stocks closed down 3.38, at 876.85.

Inc	14⅜	Cont Can	22	John Joh	18	Roan Sel	6
Alu	40⅝	Cont Oil	58⅝	John Man	103¼	Rockwell Int	26⅞
Ch	53¼	Cont Tel	18⅛	Jon Lau	19⅞	Royl D	34⅞
Str	21¾	Cont Data	34⅝	Kais Alum	22⅞	Russ Tog	10
Chal	10	Corning	71¾	Kenn Cop	47¼	Safeway	37⅛
	76¼	CPC Intl	28½	Koppers	47¾	Schering	64⅞
irlin	8⅜	Crane Co	17⅛	Libb O Fd	28⅛	Scott Pap	16⅛
dcst	23⅞	Crown Cork	22⅝	Liggt My	31⅝	Sears Roe	84⅛
Can	28⅛	Crwn Zell	38⅝	Litton Ind	7½	Shell Oil	69⅝
	19¾	Dan River	8¾	Lockheed	8⅞	Singer Co	39⅝
me	36¾	Deere Co	48½	LTV Corp	11¼	Smits KF	52
Clx	52⅝	Dist Seag	43¾	Macy RH	18¾	Sony	21⅞
Mot	8⅝	Dow Chem	67⅝	Magnvox	8⅜	South Ry	51
elt R	24⅞	Dress Ind	70	Mfrs Han	37⅞	Sperry Rnd	42⅛
tand	12	Dupont	167½	Marath	52¾	St Brands	48⅝
T & T	51¼	East Airlins	6½	Marcor	20½	St Oil Cal	36¼
Inc	21⅝	E Kodak	107½	Marsh Fd	18	Std Oil Ind	107⅞
	3⅞	Eaton	27⅝	Martin Mar	14¾	Std Oil Oh	84¼
nda	28¾	El Paso NG	16	Matsush	14½	Steri Drug	25⅞
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ich	110¼	Esmark	26¼	Merck	75½	Sun Oil	60⅞
	7¼	Exxon	96⅞	Minn MM	75⅝	Teledyne	14⅞
man	31¼	Fair Cam	50¼	Mobil Oil	55⅝	Tenneco	24⅝
How	24⅛	Firestone	14¾	Monogm	5⅛	Texaco	32⅜
x	25⅝	Fst N City	42⅞	Monsan	55¼	Texas Gulf	35¼
Set	3⅝	Fluor Cp	57¼	Moor McCor	15¾	Texas Instru	100½
Ed	34⅛	Fd Fair	2¼	Morgan J	67½	Textron	20
Co	121⅛	Ford Mot	40¼	Nabisco	38⅛	Transwair	15⅛
Gas	15⅜	Gen Dynam	23⅝	Nat Cash R	32⅞	TriCon	26⅝
War	20⅝	Gen Elect	64⅛	Nat Distil	13	TRW Inc	20½
	9⅞	G Fds Corp	24⅜	Nat Indust	13¼	Twent Cent	6⅞
My	44½	Gen Mills	55¾	Nowest Air	19⅛	UAL Inc	20⅜
wck	14⅝	Gen Mot	47	Occ Pet C	11¼	Unil Ltd	—
Ind	22⅜	Gn Tel El	26	Olin Corp	14	Unil NV	40¼
ughs	192½	Gen Tire	14⅜	Otis Elev	36⅞	Un Carbide	35¼
p Sp	31¾	Genesco	5⅞	Owen Ill	31⅜	Uniroyal	8⅜
Pac	17⅝	Georgia	38⅞	Pac Gs El	23¼	Unit Aircraft	24¼
R	12	Getty O	170½	Panam W A	4⅞	Unit Brands	8¾
e Cke	17⅞	Gillette	36¼	Penn Centrl	4⅜	US Indust	8½
Tr	66¼	Goddric	16⅝	Pepsi Co	71⅛	US Steel	39⅛
ese	29¼	Goodyr	16	Pfizer	41⅜	US Tobac	18⅜
Cp	16¼	W R Grace	24¾	Phelps D	49⅜	UV Ind	35⅞
e Manh	56½	Grt A & P	10½	Phil Morr	112¾	War Lam	34⅞
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ale Sys	59½	Gulf Wn	25	Polaroid	67⅞	Wn Un	15½
sler	15	Hew Pack	74¾	Proct GM	90	Westg Elec	25⅞
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-Cola	122	Howmet	14¾	Rabystos M	42⅛	Woolworth	18⅜
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Export record for Israel pesticides

Plant protection chemicals have become one of the important items in Israel's export trade. The two large local plants (Makhteshim, Beersheba, Agan, Ashdod) attained a new export record in 1973 of $22m. They belong to the concern of Koor Chemicals and their exports, which are handled jointly, cover 60 countries.

Director-General Z. Zur, pointed out that despite the high recruiting in October the gap in production was narrowed and in November Makhteshim succeded in executing export orders of $2.5m. in one month. The shortage of trucks was partly overcome by a more extensive use of the railway. The forecast for this year is $30m. of exports, 50 per cent of which have already been placed as factory orders.

Spain's chemical industry helped by Arab ties

NEW YORK (AP).—The Arab oil embargo is aiding Spain's ambition to become one of the world's main producers of chemicals.

"The Franco government is using its friendly ties with the Arab oil producers to persuade foreign chemical companies, which are anxious to secure safe supplies of petrochemical feed stocks, to build Spanish plants," says "Business Week" magazine.

"West Germany's Hoechst, Basf, and Bayer now plan major ventures, including a $94m. investment by Bayer to produce ethylene-base resins and polyurethane. The Netherlands Akzo intends to expand its Spanish polyamide output, and America's Dow Chemicals wants to participate with Spanish companies in the construction of a large ethylene cracking plant."

BANK LEUMI, which runs the Zamid and Gavish Trust Funds, yesterday announced a 15 per cent and a 13.5 per cent net dividend for the year 1973. In both cases, this includes five per cent interim dividends already paid some months ago.

EXPORTERS WANT FURTHER INCENTIVES

Declining home market makes exports crucial

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

DURING the war and its immediate aftermath Israel exporters did their best to continue production and meet scheduled deliveries, in order to prove their reliability as suppliers even in adverse circumstances, and thus improve their business prospects.

Official spokesmen have pointed out that under current emergency conditions exports must be accorded a very high priority — even at the expense of private consumption and non-essential investments — in order to reduce the soaring import gap. Moreover, as the home market is expected to stagnate, if not to slump, in the near future, production for foreign markets is now regarded as a major field for new investments. One might therefore have expected exporters to be treated as a privileged class. In fact, however, they claim to be discriminated against, and a heated discussion is in progress concerning the incentives required to keep exports profitable.

It is a fact that export profitability had begun to decline long before the war. Rising wages and other costs, together with a booming home market, had made overseas markets increasingly unattractive, while their impact was also felt on sales performance. In the first nine months of 1973, exports continued to increase even more than had been forecast, but this was mainly due to price rises abroad, in particular of diamonds. When this factor is discounted, it will be seen that exports actually stagnated, and their share in total output — both of industry and of agriculture — decreased. With the cost hikes and production bottlenecks of recent months — likely to continue in 1974 — this trend can be expected to gather momentum.

Another adverse factor to be reckoned with is the incipient world recession, which makes selling abroad a much tougher proposition than hitherto. In the past year or so, Israel exports were greatly helped by the decline of the dollar exchange rate, which was tantamount to the devaluation of our currency as far as most of our customers were concerned. Since the bulk of export costs are incurred in local currency, Israeli sales abroad were able to remain competitive without being given bigger incentives. However, this development was understandably accompanied by increased concentration of our export efforts on the lucrative hard currency markets, i.e. predominantly the EEC and Japan. But now the boot is on the other foot: the dollar exchange rate has risen — and our currency with it — while both Europe and Japan are hardest hit by the oil crisis. Exporters of textile and fashion goods to Germany — their second biggest market — are already facing reduced orders and pressure for price reductions. The same now applies to other countries as well.

DOUBLE EXPORTS

Nevertheless Israeli industry is now forced to double its export efforts owing to declining sales at home. Apart from a limited number of firms benefiting from defence orders, most companies are looking forward to depressed proceeds, and even smaller profits in their local sales, and would be ready to go to great lengths to expand their foreign business, including changes in patterns and lines of production, and promotion of new markets previously disregarded. Thus furniture producers are considering an extensive programme of re-styling and sales promotion aimed at the American market. A number of companies producing consumer durables are negotiating about jobbing components for European orders. Discussions are going on concerning export campaigns in Scandinavian countries, in Austria, in the Far East. Foreign buyers may be invited to attend the next Fashion Week at our cost.

However, such a policy can produce only long-term results. At the moment it requires considerable outlays just at a time when most producers must live on their reserves. Unless exporters are given appropriate incentives, many of them are likely to shun the risk involved.

It is against this background that the question of export incentives has come to the fore. The Export Institute has calculated that average export costs advanced almost 25 per cent in the past year, i.e. slightly more than the increase in export proceeds resulting from the rise in prices abroad (about 17 per cent) and the small increments in export incentives accorded in January and in August 1973. Moreover, the rise — already announced — in sea freight rates, and the impending c.o.l. allowance, are due to add another five per cent to average cost. The exporters therefore ask to raise the current incentives by 36 agorot per dollar, namely 11 agorot to offset the recent 5 per cent hike in the flat surcharge on imported raw materials (which account for about 50 per cent of the production cost), and another 25 agorot on account of the above rise in other cost elements. The export premiums which now range from IL1 to IL1.2 per dollar of sales proceeds would thus rise by over one third. However, that would cost the Treasury close to IL300m. — on top of the IL1,000m. provided for aiding exports in the current budget (about IL820m. for straight incentives, and the rest for various programmes aiming at export promotion) And for the time being the matter is still hanging fire, though few doubt that more will be required in order to assure substantial expansion of our exports during the next year.

JAPAN PLAN TO CUT U.S. FOOD IMPORTS

WASHINGTON (AP). — Japan, a $3,000m. farm customer of the U.S., is undertaking a new agricultural policy aimed at producing more of its own grain and soybeans.

But the agriculture department said in a report for release yesterday the expansion plan probably will not bite deeply into future U.S. sales to the Japanese market.

The magazine "Foreign Agriculture" said Japan initiated the new plan "as a result of supply and price instability" for commodities in the world market.

'Lilienblum dollar' rises

TEL AVIV. — In Lilienblum Street, the demand for the dollar intensified yesterday, and it rose by ten agora to IL5.10. The "dealers" say that the main buyers are the Arabs from the occupied areas, and since the police raids are continuing, the price is being forced up artificially.

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French Fr.	4.8570/4.8620	per $
French Fin.	500/502	per $
Lire	622½/623½	per $
Belgian Fr.	42.23/28	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.8860/90	per $
Yen	298½/299½	per $
Gold price:	$118.00/119.50	

FORWARD RATES

	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.
£/$	2.2455/85	2.2180/210	2.1852/82
DM/$	2.7990/903	2.8120/817	2.8190/260
Sw.F./$	3.3660/770	3.3740/850	3.3780/910

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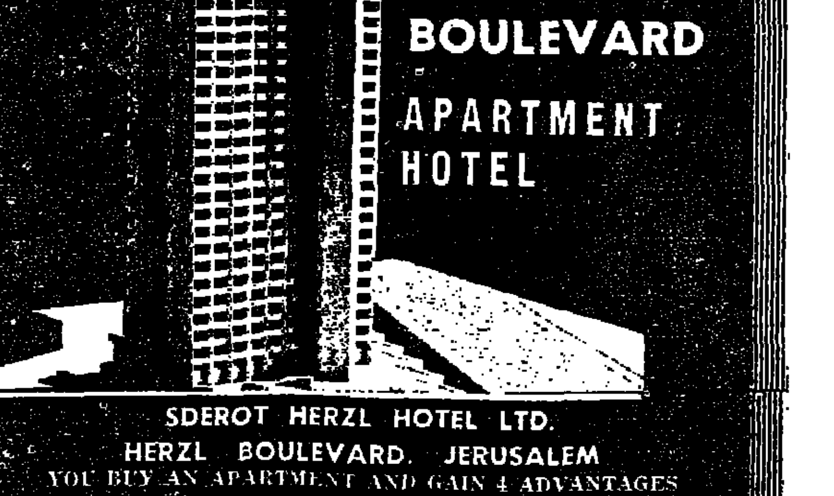
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Paying our soldiers

FOR more than a generation we have been a nation living in virtual siege, yet strangely, we have been unprepared for an extended conflict and extended mobilization as we face today. Thus, we are still trying to dodge the harsh reality, and delay actions required to adjust to it.

This psychological failure may be understandable, but its adverse result is the wide gap between living conditions at home and of those called up for military duty. Its result is also a growing tangle of half-measures and improvisations intended to improve matters, but which in practice only produce new problems and yet more red tape.

A case in point is the way we have been handling the issue of soldiers' pay. With the war it soon became apparent that no provisions had been made for furnishing adequate financial support to the soldiers mobilized into the reserves and their families. Both the army pay rates, and the supplementary payments of the Equalization Fund, were geared to peace conditions when a small number of men were called up for a limited time.

As a stop-gap measure employers were asked to advance their employees the balance of the October wages, though this did not solve the problems of the self-employed, and meant that soldiers are forced to spend their precious leave time running from office to office.

Subsequently, the army pay rates were increased, although they still remain well below the civil wage level, and the Equalization Fund was empowered to extend its activity to the present emergency call-up without regard to its financial resources. However, the system is still essentially geared to the pre-war period without regard to its proven inadequacy.

Employers complain that the Equalization Fund remunerates them only for straight wages and not for the fringe benefits which amount to over 40 per cent of the wage bill. The Fund also fails to take into account wages above IL1,500 monthly (to be raised to IL1,800 shortly).

Moreover, the Fund's current payments by far exceed its reserves, and are financed by large-scale borrowing from the Treasury. It is not yet clear how this debt is to be repaid. Special problems are encountered as regards the self-employed, and the three-tier pay system is increasingly felt as cumbersome and unjust.

Since we shall have to keep a large number of men mobilized for a considerable period of time, the cost involved ought to be shouldered by the public in an equitable way — that is, it should be included in the defence budget and be paid by appropriate taxes. And the level of pay of the men in the field ought to be held close to the level of real incomes earned at home. The Treasury ought to take a new look at this vital problem, and try to solve it in the framework of the suggested tax reform.

Dry Bones



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The separation of forces

Davar (Histadrut) takes an optimistic view of the chances for agreement on the separation of forces, which would serve the interests of both Israel and Egypt. But the principle of reciprocity must be maintained, and both sides must obtain safeguards with regard to future developments. The talks between the Minister of Defence and Dr. Kissinger were one phase in these negotiations, which may be expected to be followed by indirect contacts with Cairo and perhaps also Moscow, before the officers' talks in Geneva can reach final conclusions. "However, Israel's timetable is not influenced by any but practical considerations, and if direct and indirect talks shall progress, an agreement can be signed also prior to the formation of a new government. This would be within the competence of the caretaker government, and would not infringe upon any constitutional principle."

Ha'aretz (non-party) says: It is an undisputed fact, acknowledged by governments throughout Western Europe, that arms and sabotage equipment are supplied to terrorists all over the world via the diplomatic bags of Libya. The alert which recently turned London airports into armed camps was also based on information regarding a planned Arab terrorist attack using Sam-7 missiles smuggled in by Libyan diplomatic mail. In a recent article, "The London Times" attributes a number of terror acts, including the Pan-American Airlines massacre in Rome, to a special terrorist group established by the Libyan ruler in Tripoli, and lists a number of non-Arab terrorist movements, ranging from Eritrea to Ireland, which are generously financed by Gaddafi. In the face of the West's silent acceptance of this situation, the "La Stampa" affair should not have come as a surprise.

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KISSINGER'S POLICY REINFORCES THE KREMLIN

'PEACE AT THE DOOR' IS ONLY AN ILLUSION

By ELIEZER LIVNEH

OVER the past few years, the Kremlin has been effectively applying itself to its historical mission — the transformation of the Soviet Union into the primary world power.

The method employed is to gain control of the oil needed by Europe and Japan, as well as a hold on the Indian Ocean approaches (Suez, Bab el Mandeb, the Persian Gulf and the Malacca Straits) which ensure hegemony over the oil and the Asian isolation of China. This daring operation represents a crucial stage in the development of the Soviet reigme and is without parallel since the Bolshevik Revolution itself.

The Soviet economy is geared to the requirements of this operation, while Soviet diplomacy provides a cover-up progressing step by step in a perfect combination of the revealed and the hidden, of pressure and lulling — in fact, an amazing mixture of Byzantine tradition and Leninist dialectics.

The non-Soviet world is beginning to awaken, too late and very slowly, to an understanding of what is happening, since deception is one of the basic tenets of Soviet diplomacy and propaganda. The first country to grasp the full significance of developments was China. The West, sunk in addictive luxury and comfort, moral lassitude and egoistic materialism, hesitates to take the necessary measures to meet the threat, since these would demand a change in its life-style.

One is reminded of the days of the global threat of Nazism, when it took the West seven years to free itself from the illusion of "peace in our time" and move over to active defence. By then Czechoslovakia had been abandoned, a world war became inevitable and six million Jews perished in the Holocaust.

In 1939, it was Britain that woke up first, rejecting appeasement and becoming the pivotal point of the free world. But, even within Britain, the transition was accomplished only after a sharp struggle between the supporters of appeasement and those who opposed it.

The role of Britain is now filled by the United States, where two opposing trends are also visible. One trend wishes to pacify Moscow and entice her (Arab) satellites at the expense of friends. The other wants the global strengthening of allies in command of key strategic positions. Secretary of State Kissinger is the protagonist of the former trend. Senator Jackson that of the latter. Israel's fate may lie between the two trends.

The progressive stages of the Soviet acceleration are viewed by Dr. Kissinger as a proper time for an "understanding" with Moscow; not for the organization of opposition to the global pressure of Soviet power, but rather for "arrangements" between the White House and the Kremlin. The following are some of the principles of his policy:

- Encouragement of the Kremlin's moderation by saturation with cheap food, liberal credits and technological knowledge. No support of Russian liberals or Jewish demands for free emigration.
- No substantial aid for China while Moscow threatens and prepares.
- Postponement of Nato's rehabilitation to be dependent on the talks with Moscow on "arms reduction" in Europe.
- Attempt to share with Moscow the influence on oil sources by cajoling some Arab governments to the side of Washington. The key to this is Cairo, and the proposed price is the fragmentation of Israel and its return to the 1949 borders (the "first stage" according to the Arab concept.)
- Kissinger has no intention of assuring strategically the *vital* oil sources for Europe and Japan, but envisages rather a "proper delivery." This point is the centre of his Middle East policy — and its trap.

Not a single fact exists to encourage the belief that moderation of the neo-Stalinist clique in Moscow will be spurred on by a relaxation of control over the Soviet masses and a technological acceleration of its sophisticated industries. I do not believe that Pekin considers the purpose of its ties with Washington in terms of friendly pronouncements. These are marginal. The neglect of Nato's revamping contributed to the tendencies for its disintegration.

"Kissinger's moves in the Middle East are dangerous folly."

However, Dr. Kissinger's moves in the Middle East are a dangerous folly. The major Arab governments are bound to Moscow by essential considerations. Moscow can satisfy their aspirations better than Washington:

a) Moscow will consent to the throttling and even the destruction of Israel;

b) Moscow will help to blackmail Europe and Japan and disrupt their economies.

Any surrender that Washington makes to the Arabs — to Egypt in the first instance — is but an introduction to the much larger reward they will receive from the Kremlin. Every American "achievement" in Cairo (which the Soviets will greet with fake bitterness) is a step towards strengthening Arab-Soviet cooperation.

It is worth paying heed to the words of two military men.

Is Moscow committed to compromise and thaw?

U.S. General S.L.A. Marshall says: "The Soviet agreement to the cease-fire has no global meaning... Moscow does not want peace or anything that will cool things off in the Middle East. The aim there is to *expand* its influence... Kissinger

'Any surrender by Washington strengthens the Kremlin's position.'

portrays peace at the door but this is only an illusion" ("Ha'aretz," Dec. 7). Colonel Mamduch El-Malet, the highest ranking Egyptian prisoner held by Israel, who spent a long time in the U.S.S.R., confirms the American general's comment: "The Russians are interested in remaining forever in Egypt... they will make sure that there will be no peace in the Middle East" (Ibid.).

Western economists and statesmen view the energy crisis — that is to say, the Arab oil blackmail — as anchored in *global* pressures, economic and political, and its use against Israel as but a way-station. From this, understandably, stem global-strategic conclusions. Kissinger, from the outset, refutes such conclusions, lest they contradict his doctrine of detente. He is thus driven to link the energy crisis to the Arab-Israel tension: "The solution of the energy crisis is dependent upon peace between Israel and the Arabs" (Ha'aretz," Dec. 9). This is an identification with the Soviet version of the energy crisis and an irresponsible promise to the blackmailed non-Soviet world. To justify his basic error, Kissinger is forced, from a hurried mistake to a conscious deception.

The Arab oil taps will be turned on slowly, according to Soviet planning and Arab financial calculations, without any direct connection with the results of the Arab anti-Israel extortion. But, if Kissinger succeeds in turning Israel from a regional power to a local entity daily occupied in defending its vulnerable territory, the Soviets will increase their control over the oil sources and the Indian Ocean approaches. Israel will lose its significance in the American global defence arrangement. It will become a nuisance, not an asset. At a certain point, American support will decrease on the grounds of being wasteful.

Dr. Kissinger is no newcomer to American policy-making. The reliability of his promises may be judged by his past deeds. He promised peace in Vietnam, but 80,000 have been killed since that "peace" was signed. Kissinger's help to the Vietnamese is dubious but he helped to remove American forces from there. I fear that his Middle East venture may conclude with the involvement of American forces in this region — and not for the defence of Israel.

Kissinger interweaves his Middle East adventure with a hasty attempt to provide President Nixon with a "success" on the foreign scene in order to save him from internal collapse. He exploits the American public's support for Israel to strengthen the President — and to force him into anti-Israel steps. The thoughtful Swiss "Finanzzeitung" is perplexed: "The pro-Israel attitude is the *only* matter on which the President enjoys Congress' support"; why does not Israel utilize this? Kissinger's tactics to benefit from pro-Israel support in aid of Nixon, while activating him to anti-Israel pressures, have so far succeeded. Kissinger has silenced criticism from Israel's friends in the U.S. with the indirect aid of the Israel Government.

To convince Jerusalem, Kissinger used an interchanging system of threats and promises. Some of the threats turned out to be hollow and several of his promises were not fulfilled, but the system in general is still effective.

'Kissinger is forced into a conscious deception.'

When Dr. Kissinger took off on a mission of appeasement with the Kremlin, he was putting into operation a foreign policy advanced by Senator McGovern and rejected out of hand by the American people. The results are similar to those predicted by McGovern critics. Instead of global thaw, the U.S. is being pushed into global isolation. America's Far Eastern position has been weakened, Japan is worried and acting with reserve, Europe is anxious about Washington's agreement with Moscow and is attempting to get a step ahead of the U.S. Co-operation with Pekin has not been achieved because of Washington's consideration for the Kremlin's rulers. And now, at the climax of his "achievements," Kissinger is trying to weaken Israel, the main Western bastion in this part of the world. If he succeeds, it will not be long before Iran is forced to submit to the Kremlin.

In the U.S., sharp opposition to this trend is shaping up. It centres on Senator Jackson, who enjoys wide support in Congress and among parties. He wants a global uni forces, under U.S. leadership, to vent Soviet expansionism and block its tentacles from spr to the oil wells and the Indian approaches. They do not trust good-will of Brezhnev and Ko and are not ready to help the opposition groups in the U Their aim is to crystallize European forces who are awak to the need for political de against Soviet pressure and economic reaction to the A strangle-hold exercised with guidance.

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This American perspective sumes that strategic control oil sources and the approach the Indian Ocean must be hands of the U.S. and trusted Strategic supervision of th sources is *vital* to the West out it, there is neither econo istence nor independence for E The oil embargo has prove Middle East oil is an organic of the West, a condition for balance.

In the framework of this Israel is an important force out Israel as a central factor region, America's defence n between the Mediterranean a Far East is dangerously under On behalf of *such* an Israel in Washington's interest to billions in military aid and to her with sophisticated weapon the security of *such* an Israel not necessary to send Ame soldiers. The borders of the Je State must be seen from this national point of view.

The path to a constr American-Israel approach is before us. Senator Jackson is re ed as saying that "it would serious error to think that possible to assure the West's in by the endangering of I security — a weak Israel, w borders that can be *easily* de on her own, counteracts Am interest."

Israel must choose what it wants: Henry Kissinger's outl Senator Jackson's. Israel's fate the balance. Let us prove the present crisis has strengthen as have all the previous one test is in the political sphere than on the field of battle. B ly, it is the same test — a character. The choice is be standing up or giving in. For giving in will only be a gr Holocaust.

JOKE POLITICIANS AND OTHER DIVERSIONS

The syndrome that always appears in crises

With Prejudice ! by Alex Berlyne

THE opening scene of "Brief Encounter" shows a no longer young couple, a middle-class housewife and a doctor played by Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard, waiting for different suburban trains in a station buffet. They are joined by a garrulous acquaintance of the housewife, called Dolly Messiter. She babbles on endlessly, the train arrives and the couple part. A long flashback then describes their chance meeting, their adulterous relationship, and the final decision to part for ever. Then we find ourselves once again in the station buffet with Dolly Messiter prattling on, unaware of the heart-rending moment which she's gate-crashed.

This scene, in a 1946 film, describes a universal experience which I call the Dolly Messiter syndrome. Briefly stated, it consists of a crisis situation with attendant *nudnik* complications. You can depend on it, I've found. Whenever you are grappling with an emergency, someone is practically certain to barge in on you with some completely irrelevant nonsense which is guaranteed to distract you during the decisive moment.

Here's an example in which I have the role of interested observer. A couple are waiting in the Jerusalem cafe which serves as an annexe to the office of the Rabbinate. They are about to be divorced. The girl is weeping her eyes out while her husband tells her they have to go through with it this time, that on three previous occasions they've backed down at the last minute and that it's just no use. The waterworks are really impressive and so is his air of desperation. Enter a foreign correspondent. Ignoring thirty or forty other people he zeroes in on this domestic tragedy. "Who is Israel's favourite film star?" he demands.

The Dolly Messiter syndrome undoubtedly played a significant part in the events of October. While the media gave half-a-dozen lines to Egyptian and Syrian mobilization, Dolly, played by the Austrian *Kanzler* Kreisky, had launched the usual diversion. This time, in fact, Dolly seemed to be twins. Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn, ably assisted by our elder statesmen, was also distracting our attention with his arrangements for the General Election.

It's like a recurring dream, or rather, nightmare. On September 1, 1939, while Hitler's troops were pouring over the Polish frontier, the League of Nations was sitting in solemn conclave in Geneva discussing the standardization of European road signs. Only a few short months were to elapse before the German *feldgendarmerie* took care of that little matter. This inability to see the wood for the trees seems to be a universal failing.

Right now, while the nation's future is being decided, *nobody* seems to be minding the store. All our politicians, of every complexion, are engaged in furious horse-trading and the questions of the hour are, apparently, civil marriage, post mortems, army service for religious girls and that old favourite "Who is a Jew."

The ease with which the elected representatives of the people can be distracted from the real issues suggests that they are childish in the extreme. Any parent knows that a bright new rattle can divert a baby's attention from whatever it was that agitated him a moment previously. There is a term used by evolutionists, neoteny, which seems to explain these political antics. It means the prolongation of certain infantile characteristics into adult life.

In some people this phenomenon expresses itself harmlessly in a love of practical jokes well beyond school-leaving age. There are firms like Ellisdon Brothers in England, Feistel in Germany, and Payragric in France, as well as several in Japan, which manufacture these jokes and tricks in vast quantities. Special shops cater to the demand. A few years ago there were twenty or so in London alone, all dedicated to the idea that the stink-bomb is the highest form of human endeavour. One shop, in Great Russell Street, numbers Prince Charles among its clientele. Not long ago he bought several Whoopee Cushions which make a rude noise when sat on. It hardly augurs well for the future of the realm.

The best-selling line in the Tottenham Court Road Magic Shop is the stink-bomb. The going rate is rather stiff, 12p for a box of three, but the proprietor was quoted in a recent article in "The Illustrated London News" as saying that the 20 gross of boxes which he had in stock would only last him until the summer. If you're any good at arithmetic you'll have already worked out that this amounts to 8,640 rather unpleasant episodes which could be traced back to one shop alone.

Other popular lines include itching powder, sneezing powder, exploding cigars and cigarettes ("Blue Devils — a sure cure for cigarette cadgers), realistic-looking fake blood, "broken arm" casts, joke chewing gum ("you can choose the pucker, red-hot or garlic varieties"), jars of Colman's Mustard with a jack-in-the-box snake effect when opened, a glass of brandy which can't be drunk, facsimile ink-blots or pieces of dog-dirt cunningly fashioned from plastic and that old standard, the lump of sugar with a fly on it ("simply place in the bowl").

While Uri Geller has been his spoon-bending tricks on television, as a demonstration supernatural powers, hundred practical jokers have been the old bending spoon joke (t a hinge in the shaft guarante dump soup in some unfortu lap) without attracting any t tion at all other that that of t dignant victim.

A leading toy importer tell that there has never been muc mand for these tricks in "there isn't the tradition, you In fact, a number of them ar cifically prohibited by law, to guard us against their d fects. Unfortunately there seem to be any legislation t tect us from the merry pran wheezes of professional politi

For several decades that I aware of, the motto of Ell Brothers has been: "Joke spoo whatever item they're adverti Try it on your friends." At stage in our country's history interested to note that one date campaigned on a platfo "air-conditioning in all buse taxis." Perhaps we ought to the slogan to "Joke politicia it on your friends."

Readers' letters

GOODWILL AND HUMANITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I request the courtesy of your columns to express my gratitude for the humane action of two governments — of Israel and the United States.

It had long been the wish of my daughter to live in Israel, but she unfortunately became the victim of a fatal illness before being able to realize her wish. When she died on New Year's Eve, my wife and I decided that it would be conforming to her wish to bury her in Israel.

I had no time to withdraw my passport from the bank, because of the New Year holiday, but the authorities in Washington waived the need for the passport in order to leave the country and the authorities in Israel gave me a temporary entry visa in order to bury my daughter here.

In these days, when goodwill and humanity are comparatively rare in international affairs, it is comforting to know that Israel and the United States are united in maintaining their traditional civilised values.

My heartfelt thanks to both governments.

HYMAN WEINSTEIN

Jerusalem, January 4.

CORRECTION

In Ami Belhilla's letter which appeared on January 4, the firm which handles packages from tourists to soldiers should have been referred to as the Israel Gourmet Food Ltd. of Lod Airport, and not as mentioned.

SUPPORT FROM THE U.S.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your readers will be interested to know that I have received a letter from Mrs. Sanford Brody, President of the Temple of Aaron Sisterhood, of St. Paul, Minnesota, with a cheque for $1,000 for the Israel Soldiers Welfare Fund. Mrs. Brody wrote:

"We want the soldiers to know that above our own personal contribution to the United Jewish Appeal we, the women of the Sisterhood, want to stand behind those who are fighting to protect Israel. We hope in some way this cheque can help convey our deep feeling and concern."

S. FEDERMAN

Tel Aviv, January 1.

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